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Blow for Bosnia peace envoy

Sack Owen call from Euro MPs

By James Landale in Strasbourg and Our Foreign Staff

■ **The West is losing patience with the warring factions in Bosnia, suspecting that its intervention is simply increasing their long-held stubbornness**

EUROPEAN MPs yesterday demanded that Lord Owen be sacked as mediator in the Bosnian war, as the West desperately cast around for a solution to the conflict after the latest peace talks failure.

The vote of no confidence came as Douglas Hurd talked of a British withdrawal, while France called for urgent consultations with the rest of Europe, America and Russia.

The Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, meanwhile urged Nato to act immediately to lift the siege of Sarajevo, claiming it needed no further mandate from the UN to allow the use of force.

The European Parliament has no authority to push Lord Owen out, but its vote yesterday demanding a new European negotiator with a proper mandate and a new strategy will fuel speculation that he is on the point of resigning. Last night he said he would like to step aside and indicated that only duty prompted him to stay on. "I am only too happy to lay this burden down," he told *Channel 4 News*. "They know I would like to go when possible. I had to stay after the Vance-Owen plan."

Admitting there was a crisis in the peace process, he added: "It's no use blaming people; if there is a settlement it will broadly be where we are now. My frustrations are nothing compared to the UN and civilian aid convoy drivers."

"Almost all the 77 British European MPs voted in favour of Lord Owen continuing yesterday, but the rare joint effort by Conservative and Labour members failed to defeat a move led by Dutch, German, Italian and French MPs. The resolution criticised the lack of results in the peace process and both the UN and the European negotiators "who consistently attempt to divide Bosnia Herzegovina along ethnic lines, even though it is a member of the United Nations".

Edward McMillan-Scott, Conservative MEP for York, regretted the vote, saying: "It is wrong to shoot the messenger." Lord Owen was trying to serve 12 masters and 350 million critics. But William Newton Dunn, Tory MEP for Lincolnshire, was among the 13 abstentions. "Lord Owen has been trying for a very long time to get peace, but it has not worked," he said. "It is time for someone else to have a go."

John Major reiterated his support for the former Liberal Democrat leader last night, and pointed out that it was for the 12 governments to decide whether he should be replaced. But the vote highlighted Europe's divisions on how to find a solution to the war.

Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, yesterday called for a review of the whole situation and promised to contact France's European partners, America and Russia within the next few days. He said they must think about the need to draw conclusions "from the parties' obstinate determination to gain through war what we want them to achieve by peace".

He did not indicate whether France would propose any particular course of action, but a French Foreign Ministry spokesman said the withdrawal of the UN protection force (Unprofor) was among options being considered.

In his television interview last night, Lord Owen also called for a big rethink about humanitarian aid and whether "Unprofor is doing more harm than good in compounding stubbornness among the warring parties".

Mr Hurd had earlier told his German and Turkish counterparts that Britain was seriously considering pulling out of Bosnia, saying the Muslim government had to ask itself whether it was more likely to achieve results by negotiating or fighting.

The Foreign Secretary, who arrives in Bosnia today to assess the military and relief operations, was referring to the breakdown of peace talks in Geneva at which President Izetbegovic rejected the latest offer from the Serbs and Croats. Mr Izetbegovic insisted that the proposal was neither fair nor workable. "We said we do not want any kind of peace," he told Sarajevo radio. "We want a fair peace."

The president went on to urge Nato's deputy secretary general, Amedeo de Franchis, to take action immediately to open the airport of Tuzla and end the bombardment of Sarajevo. Nato could help to end the war through a "combination of negotiations and some military action against Serbian positions", he said.

Nato last week ordered plans to be drawn up for air strikes to open Tuzla and to permit troops to relieve the besieged garrison in Srebrenica, but stopped short of putting them into effect.

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Sir Matt Busby dies at 84



SIR Matt Busby, the father of modern British football, died in his sleep last night in the Alexandra Hospital, Cheadle, Manchester, surrounded by his family. He was 84.

He will be forever associated with the success of Manchester United, the current Premiership leaders, and with the Munich air disaster 35 years ago which killed eight of his "Busby Babes".

Sir Matt was president of the club with which he had been associated with as manager and then director since 1945. He had been ill for some time.

John Major led the tributes, saying his death was "a matter of great sadness to many people". He added: "His indomitable spirit was a force that led to great successes on the field in later years, climaxing perhaps with winning the European Cup in 1968."

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Minder to pay for hurt baby

By Frances Gibb

THE Crown Prosecution Service has called for the papers in a case in which a registered child-minder faces substantial damages after a High Court judge found she had brain-damaged a baby in her care by severely shaking him.

Mr Justice Scott Baker ruled that the child-minder, Christine Walton, and Surrey County Council must pay damages to Cora Dowling for injuries to her son Thomas when he was six months old.

The judge castigated the council for having failed to warn the mother about Mrs Walton after another child suffered injuries in her care. The damages are to be assessed later.

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Americans told to stay home as big freeze toll nears 100

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

THE death toll from a week of record low temperatures that have encased the eastern United States in a paralysing sheet of ice and snow approached 100 yesterday, double that of the Los Angeles earthquake on the far side of the continent.

As millions of Americans struggled to stay warm in the face of sustained blasts from the North Pole, local authorities from the Great Lakes to Alabama issued desperate appeals and ordered extraordinary measures to prevent a catastrophic overloading of the power grid.

In Washington, the federal government closed down and instructed its 362,000 employees to stay at home. Sharon Pratt Kelly, the mayor, responded to pleas from the area's power companies by declaring a state of emergency and threatening fines of $1,000 (£670) for non-essential businesses that remained open.

On Wednesday utility companies in seven states imposed deliberate power cuts for up to an hour as they battled an unprecedented demand for electricity. In five more states the voltage was reduced.

Temperatures finally began inching up yesterday but the energy crisis is not yet over. Frozen waterways are making deliveries of oil and diesel to power stations impossible, while coal supplies for coal-fired plants are frozen solid.

In the town of Amasa, Michigan, the mercury reached -53F on Wednesday. A temperature of -36F was recorded near Indianapolis, Indiana, and -25F in Akron, Ohio. New York City recorded a 119-year low of -2F, and Washington -4F.

States of emergency have also been declared in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Kentucky. Kentucky has closed its interstate highway system.

Most of the 97 deaths recorded by midday yesterday have been caused by treacherous road conditions, heart attacks while shovelling snow or old people freezing to death.

President Clinton cancelled a Georgetown University speech marking the first anniversary of his presidency.

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Los Angeles faces $30 billion bill

The death toll in the Los Angeles earthquake has now climbed to 47 and tens of thousands of homes are still without electricity. Angelenos realised yesterday that it could take years to repair their city. Estimates suggest the cost could be $38 billion Page 13

Diane Yeo breaks silence to speak of compassion



Diane Yeo, wife of the former environment minister, at the couple's London home yesterday. Photograph: Stephen Markeson

Clarke's tax admission puts Major on defensive

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

THE Prime Minister rejected fears yesterday that the recovery might be faltering after a warning from Kenneth Clarke that the barrage of tax rises due in April would check it.

John Major was thrown on to the defensive by the Chancellor's admission, in an early morning radio broadcast, that the increases would "take a bit of the edge off consumer demand".

Mr Clarke's acknowledgment, exploited gleefully by the Labour leadership, coincided with a new double warning of the fragility of the recent economic improvement. Labour was pressing home its attack in a week when millions of people have received their new tax codes showing the implications of the increases in the past two budgets.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said ministers had admitted this month that tax rises would slow the recovery. "Now the Chancellor is going further in admitting that tax rises will check the recovery. That means they will halt the recovery for the time being."

Verbal warfare over the economy intensified as a report from British Chambers of Commerce spoke of a "glass ceiling" holding growth to less than pre-recession levels. Another survey of consumer opinion found that households in London and the South East were bracing themselves for a year of austerity.

Mr Clarke and Mr Major brushed aside the latest figures to maintain that recovery was well under way. Their counter-offensive came as the Cabinet, in an 80-minute political session without officials, concluded that the brightening economic outlook offered the Tories their best hope of averting disaster in the council and European parliament elections in the early summer.

"We have been through some difficulties, but the opportunity to present our case is there and will build up towards the elections," one minister said. "It comes from growing evidence that the economic situation is getting better, which will have its effect."

Mr Clarke insisted that Britain was on course for a "steady recovery at a sustainable level" and added that it was silly to judge the economy on the strength of one month's figures. Appearing to rule out an early cut in interest rates, he said the important thing was to behave responsibly and keep inflation down.

He gave a buoyant assessment of the state of the economy. "We have manufacturing output up. We have unemployment that has been falling. Retail sales in these figures in December were 4

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Clarke: April rises will check the recovery

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Frightening hate mail for a forgiving wife

DIANE Yeo, the wife of Tim Yeo, the environment minister who was forced to resign after revelations that he had fathered a child by another woman, broke her silence in an interview with *The Times* today. In it she discloses that she has received hate mail for standing by her husband.

"One of the frightening things about this whole episode is the lack of compassion around — both from the constituency and from the people who have written to me," she said. Mr Yeo told his wife last February about his lover, Julia Stent, a Conservative councillor who resigned on Wednesday. "We were aware that it was absolutely devastating," Mrs Yeo said, "and we just had to find a way through it."

She said her husband had been pilloried unfairly. "He's just a rather decent person trying to sort things out as honestly as he can," she said.

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Labour MP apologises

George Galloway, the maverick Labour MP who praised Saddam Hussein, was told by Labour chiefs last night that his political career hung in the balance. Mr Galloway who defied the chief whip by taking an unauthorised trip to Iraq apologised profusely for any offence or embarrassment he had caused Page 2

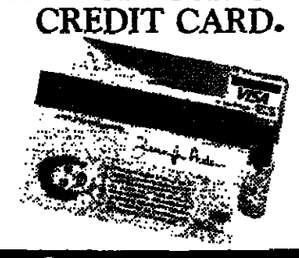
Head teacher apologises

A primary school head teacher apologised yesterday for refusing to let her pupils see a ballet of *Romeo and Juliet* because it was not politically correct. Jane Brown, 36, said she had been "dismayed at the distress" caused by her actions. The prime minister said political correctness was unpopular among parents Page 6

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Queen Mother sick with chest infection

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has been advised to remain indoors at Sandringham after developing a chest infection, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said yesterday. The infection, which follows a heavy cold, is responding to treatment and is not thought to be a matter for serious concern.

The Queen Mother, who is 93, is said to have developed the infection after catching the cold before the weekend. She missed the Sandringham church service on Sunday. The spokesman said: "The Queen Mother has had a bad cold which has now led to a chest infection. This is responding to anti-biotic treatment. Her Majesty has accepted doctor's advice to continue to stay indoors for the time being as it is so chilly, but she is up and about in the house."

Convictions overturned

Two men were cleared by the Court of Appeal yesterday after being jailed for three years on the basis of disputed confessions to the now disbanded West Midlands Serious Crime Squad. Seymore Williams, 34, of Coventry, and Patrick Smith, 31, of Leeds, said they wanted compensation and would renew their complaints against the six officers involved. They served two years of their sentences after being convicted of robbery and conspiracy in 1985. The appeal judges concluded that the convictions were "palpably unsafe" and said they deeply regretted the prosecution.

Landslip threat grows

Several homes on the south coast of the Isle of Wight are under threat after the second big landslip in less than a week. Robin McInnes, the borough surveyor, said yesterday: "We are particularly concerned about three homes which are now quite near the cliff edge. We have told people of the risk but we have not yet arranged or offered alternative accommodation." A Victorian house divided into six flats was only 30ft from the edge. South Wight Borough Council said it was keeping residents of more than 30 homes informed in case they had to leave at short notice.

Branson charity pledge

Richard Branson yesterday pledged to create a charitable foundation to rival the Gulbenkian or Ford foundations if his profits-for-good-causes lottery bid is successful. Launching the UK Lottery Foundation's bid to run the National Lottery, the Virgin chairman said that £300 to £400 million of profit made by his operating company would be covenanted to a charitable foundation six times the size of the largest such body in Europe. The seven other consortia bidding to run the national lottery intend to give operating profits to shareholders' dividends.

Setback for Redhead

The condition of the *Today* presenter Brian Redhead, who underwent emergency surgery for an abscess in a stomach muscle last month, has deteriorated. The BBC said that the 64-year-old broadcaster, who has been in Macclesfield Hospital, Cheshire, since December 21, had suffered one or two setbacks. "He is poorly, but stable," a spokesman said. Mr Redhead, who had been due to leave Radio 4's *Today* programme in March after 18 years to pursue a freelance career, collapsed at home just before Christmas. He left intensive care on January 5 but has now been readmitted.

Silcott plea rejected

Winston Silcott yesterday failed to win an appeal court hearing after his conviction for the murder of Anthony Smith, 22, a boxer, at a party in 1984. Silcott said: "I cannot say I am surprised given the present Home Secretary." His conviction for the murder of PC Keith Blakelock during the Broadwater Farm riot in 1985 was quashed on appeal.

Four die in air crash

Four people on board a light aircraft were killed last night when it crashed into a field close to the M6 north of Birmingham, narrowly missing houses and a school. The twin-engined Seneca aircraft crashed in Bloxwich, West Midlands, minutes after take-off. It was flying from Birmingham to the Isle of Man.



George Galloway leaves the Commons yesterday after a severe reprimand from Labour's Chief Whip over his unauthorised trip to Iraq

Labour whips give Galloway final warning after 'tribute' to Saddam

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent

LABOUR'S Chief Whip yesterday gave George Galloway "a severe reprimand" over his alleged tribute to President Saddam Hussein and his unauthorised visit to Iraq.

Party chiefs decided not to withdraw the whip from the MP, but Mr Galloway, who has courted controversy for most of his career, was given a final warning about future attendance at the Commons.

The Prime Minister exploited Labour embarrassment in the Commons by denouncing Mr Galloway's "foolish behaviour" in supporting the Iraqi president who had inflicted suffering on the Shia Muslims and the Marsh Arabs.

After two lengthy meetings with Derek Foster, the Labour Chief Whip, yesterday morning, an unusually subdued Mr Galloway issued an effusive apology and pledged to respect any further instructions to attend at Westminster.

The dressing-down followed Mr Galloway's comments to Saddam on his visit to Iraq when he said: "Sir, allow me to salute your courage, power and indefatigability."

The words immediately prompted a strong rebuke from John Smith, the Labour Leader, who warned Mr Galloway of disciplinary action. Yesterday the MP for Glasgow Hillhead was still insisting that his words were addressed to the Iraqi people rather than to Saddam personally.

After the first 40-minute meeting between Mr Galloway and the Chief Whip, Mr Foster sought Mr Smith's approval for his proposed action. At the second meeting with Mr Galloway an apology was drawn up with the MP's full agreement. "George Galloway has been given a severe reprimand for his behaviour and issued with a final warning with regard to future discipline," Mr Foster said after the meeting.

In a statement issued later, Mr Galloway said that he expressed "deep regret for any offence or pain that may unwittingly have been given to families of British victims of the Gulf War".

"I equally regret very much that my speech in Baghdad was taken out of context and thus misrepresented."

Mr Galloway insisted that his record of opposition to Saddam went back to the 1970s although he regretted any embarrassment to the party and its leadership. "In my meeting with the Chief Whip I have undertaken without reservation to respect all further whipping instructions," he added.

The Labour leadership is particularly incensed that Mr Galloway's latest debacle came when he was defying a three-line whip. As part of the party's policy of non-co-operation with the Government, MPs are not allowed away on trips unless this is cleared with the Chief Whip. Mr Galloway has been absent for crucial votes before, including those on two key bills covering National Insurance and statutory sick pay. He is believed to have had several private reprimands and officials made it clear that he would not be given another chance.

Jack Cunningham, the shadow Foreign Secretary, said Mr Galloway's behaviour was deplorable and gave a warning that if he did not stick to his undertakings "his position in the Labour Party would be finished".

However, Labour was criticised by Tory MPs for failing to take harsher action. Emma Nicholson, the MP for Devon West and Torridge, said she was appalled that the Labour Party had not withdrawn the whip. She spoke of the torture and suffering of the Marsh Arabs at the hands of the Iraqi regime.

"Although Mr Galloway is of no relevance to anyone here, he has given comfort to the enemy," Ms Nicholson said during a BBC radio interview.

Some Labour MPs privately also agreed that the whip should have been withdrawn. While some MPs argued that Mr Galloway could be punished by his constituency when he comes up for re-selection, one said that Mr Galloway was secure.

Maverick who courts trouble

By Sheila Gunn

GEORGE Galloway has made no secret of his opposition to the Gulf War and to sanctions against Iraq. But he has long spoken out against President Saddam Hussein's gassing of the Kurdish town of Halabja in 1988.

He was a semi-detached member of the Labour Party before being reprimanded by the party's Chief Whip, Derek Foster, for his unauthorised visit to Iraq. When Neil Kinnock was leader, he made clear there would be no place in a Labour government for Mr Galloway. His successor clearly shares his view.

Mr Galloway has a better intellect and more experience of foreign issues than many MPs. But, in Whips' parlance, he is "unsound". His friends would say he shows prescience and courage in backing causes, usually in the Third World, when they are not fashionable. He seems to enjoy being feted by beleaguered factions in far-flung places.

Mr Galloway's enemies, who include most of Labour's front bench, accuse him of treachery, self-indulgence and worse. But his main worry could be the reaction of his Clydeside constituency where his majority is under 5,000.

The headlines started before he defeated Roy (now Lord) Jenkins at Hillhead in the 1987 election. In the 1970s he flew the flag of the Palestine Liberation Organisation over Dundee town hall. By 1981 he had become the youngest-ever chairman of the Scottish Labour Party.

It was as director of War on Want that he drew the attention of the British press. After allegations about finances he repaid some of his expenses but was cleared of misuse of the charity's funds by an independent auditor. Following press reports, he admitted to having sex with two women in Athens at a 1985 conference.

Dublin and Mayhew move to placate nationalists

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Watt

LONDON and Dublin last night attempted to revive the faltering Anglo-Irish peace accord.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, moved to placate the nationalist community by holding out the prospect of all-Ireland political institutions. He also said that for those who aspired to a sovereign and united Ireland, the declaration signed in London last month by Albert Reynolds and John Major "sends a message that should reassure".

Although ministers were swift to deny last night that Sir Patrick's speech to the dining club in London of Trinity College, Dublin, amounted to the "clarification" that republicans have been demanding, there seemed little doubt that his remarks were intended to keep the peace process alive.

It follows concern in Dublin that Mr Major has moved too far in his efforts to reassure the Unionist community.

While Sir Patrick maintained the Government's stance that there would be no attempt to "persuade" the people of Ulster to opt for a united Ireland, he made plain in stronger terms than before that it would not stand in the way of that outcome.

He said: "If it is, or ever shall be, the democratic wish of a greater number of the people of Northern Ireland that there be a united Ireland, that is a matter for them and for the people of the republic to determine without external impediment."

He repeated the declaration's pledge that London and Dublin would work to achieve an agreement embracing "the totality of relationships" and added that "we will do everything in our power to encourage, facilitate and enable that to be achieved, through dialogue and co-operation ..."

Sir Patrick said Britain would introduce legislation to give effect to "any" measure of agreement on future relationships in Ireland. "If that agreement involves agreed structures for the island as a whole — so be it."

In Dublin last night, the Irish prime minister went out of his way to clarify areas of the declaration that Sinn Fein has complained about. Mr Reynolds said the declaration was not up for negotiation but added that there was a need for genuine doubts or confusions to be cleared up.

With Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, clearly in mind Mr Reynolds said that the right to self-determination had to be applied sensitively "as a means of solving rather than exacerbating conflict".

Under-15 tearaways will be locked up

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

MAGISTRATES and judges will be able to lock up persistent troublemakers aged 12 to 14 in an attempt to stop them committing new crimes while awaiting trial or sentence.

Michael Howard made the announcement yesterday after the controversy over a Tyneside teenager known as Rat Boy, who escaped from council care while awaiting a court hearing and allegedly committed further crimes.

The Home Secretary said: "The public needs to be protected from juveniles charged with serious offences or who abscond time and again while on remand."

Under his proposals, magistrates and judges will be able to direct that a juvenile be held in local authority secure accommodation like that holding the two youngsters who murdered James Bulger. Such accommodation is usually linked to a local authority children's home but there are locks on all doors.

Mr Howard tabled an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill to close a loophole in the law that has angered backbench Conservative MPs and police officers. At present the law allows a court to send a youngster aged 12 to 14 only into the care of the local authority, which assesses where he or she should be held.

☐ The Lord Chancellor signalled a further move away from reliance on the law to settle disputes, and a reduction in legal aid. Lord Mackay of Clashfern said: "For simple disputes, the formality and cost of going to law may be inappropriate."

He said in a Legal Aid Board report that recourse to legal aid should be a last resort. It could be provided by law centres and advice bureaux, as well as lawyers.

Tax admission puts Major on defensive

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per cent up on the year before," he said. "Our inflation record for the last 12 months is the best we have seen since the 1960s. We are plainly on course for a steady recovery at a sustainable level. We have the chance of keeping inflation down. It is absolutely silly for some people to keep reacting day by day to one month's figures."

He added: "I want to see the recovery stronger than it is, but I think the actual position is, we do have the best recovery of any major economy in Europe. All the others are still in recession."

Mr Major, challenged by John Smith over Mr Clarke's remarks, said there was "no doubt whatsoever that recovery is under way". He pointed out that Mr Clarke had also said that the recovery was now "strong enough not to be stopped". But the Labour leader said that tax increases, equivalent to 7p on income tax, were "bound to hit family budgets for six".

As he was taunted by Mr Smith over Mr Clarke's remarks, the Prime Minister hit back: "The economy has grown over 2 per cent in 12 months and has risen for six successive quarters. Retail sales have grown 4 per cent in the last year. Car production, manufacturing output and export volumes are all up. With low inflation and low interest rates there is no doubt whatsoever that recovery is under way."

Mr Smith, however, said that people were starting to see the full impact of tax increases on their standard of living. He asked: "Do you recall saying during the election campaign that greater taxation would kill economic recovery stone dead? If it was true then, why isn't it true now? Or is that one of many things you find it easy to forget you ever mentioned?"

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MPs have common desire to dine alone

By Arthur Leathley
Political Correspondent

JOHN Major's crusade for a classless society faltered yesterday in the face of the desire of MPs to dine apart from the masses. The Prime Minister's 650 colleagues at Westminster have staved off the threat of egalitarianism turning their dining room into a restaurant for all-comers.

A comprehensive report into the labyrinth of Commons catering concludes that, in commerce, directors and managers now eat alongside their subordinates. "There is no doubt that this has improved morale, quality of service and reduced costs," the report says. "Society has become more egalitarian in attitude."

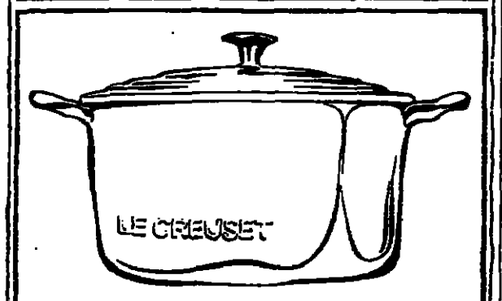
However, they are not ready to adopt the trends of commerce: "This ... merely defines the situation in the light of what goes on elsewhere and raises the question of whether, given the shortage of space for dining, such inefficient use of resource can be defended as vigorously as ten years ago."

It is the MPs' understanding that "areas and services dedicated to members must remain so as this is seen as a priority". By whom is not specified.

Space shortages and outdated catering methods are at the heart of moves towards a £17 million refurbishment programme of the House's 26 refreshment facilities, which are seen as unable to cope with the demands of a modern Parliament. However, space abounds in the members' dining room, where the report notes that between 15 and 25 diners can be found among the 115 seats at lunchtime. The restaurant is made to appear less cavernous by the presence of 22 staff.

The report, by the Commons catering committee, concedes that the 17 main-course dishes and 12 starters provided seem "out of all proportion". The voluminous menu developed, the report says, because if an MP asked for something, it was added to the menu. "Thus many items were added but only a few were sold."

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'The loss of the boys hit me so hard, but a voice kept saying you cannot quit'

The legend who defied disaster to rebuild a dream

■ *John Goodbody assesses the man who began life as a pit boy in Lanarkshire and went on to make Manchester United the most famous football club in the world*

Sir Matt Busby was known as the father of football. His contribution to the game was immense — as player, manager, director and, above all, as sage.

Sir Matt became synonymous with Manchester United, a club that he led out of the Second World War, through the Munich air crash in 1958 to become, in 1968, the first English club to win the European Cup.

Although he was a Scotland international as a player, it will be his talents as a manager and leader of men that will ensure his reputation endures. Some of the players he guided and coached were the most distinguished in the history of the English game: Bobby Charlton, George Best, Duncan Edwards, Roger Byrne and Denis Law. Under his management, United won five League titles and two FA Cup finals but it was the style of his teams that was most memorable: fluent, combative and highly skilled.

Sir Matt was born on May 26, 1909, and had a hard upbringing: after his father was killed on the Somme in 1915 his mother had to take a job at the pit-top to provide for her family.

At the age of 19 he joined Manchester City but could not command a regular place in the team as an inside-forward. It was only when he switched to wing-half, when a team-mate failed to turn up for one match, that his career blossomed. He played in the 1933 FA Cup final, which City lost, and also the following year, when City won.

He won his only cap for Scotland in 1934 and two years later was transferred to Liverpool, for whom he played until the outbreak of the Second World War.

On October 22, 1945, he was appointed as manager of Manchester United, a club in disarray because it had been badly damaged by bombs. The club's home games were being played at Maine Road, City's ground.

He inherited some excellent players, whom he took to victory in the FA Cup in 1948 and a league title four years later. However, his greatest feat was to mould the group of youngsters known as the "Busby babes", who won the League title in 1956 and 1957. He was the first to achieve success with a British club in European competitions, with United reaching the semi-final of the European Cup in 1957.

However, his brilliant young team, with an average age of 21, was destroyed on February 6, 1958. The plane carrying the United party back from a European Cup game failed to take off on the Munich runway. Eight players were killed and Sir Matt was so seriously injured that the last rites were administered.

He never forgot the incident. "It is always with me. The crash, the loss of the boys, hit me so hard I did not see how I could carry on. I thought I had done everything I could and fate had intervened and destroyed everything. But a voice kept saying, 'You cannot quit, you have to go on for those lads who died, for the lads coming through and for the people' ...."

United rose from the ashes. Its patched-up team of survivors and reinforcements reached the 1958 FA Cup final only to lose to Bolton Wanderers.

Sir Matt had to rebuild. He bought players such as Denis Law, and groomed Bobby Charlton, Dennis Violett, Nobby Stiles and George Best to produce worthy successors to the Busby babes. The team won the FA Cup in 1963, and the League title in 1965 and 1967.

This gave the club another tilt at Europe. At Wembley in 1968, United finally achieved Sir Matt's ambition: victory in the European Cup. He said at the time: "It was as though we had climbed to the mountain top, we had seen it all and had had all the pain and triumphs. I felt then I could retire."

Knighted in the honours list, he stepped down as manager of United in 1969 but two years later became a director of the club.

Until the end he went to matches, revered by generations of football supporters and by the world game. And now they, led by Manchester, will mourn.

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Sir Matt in 1957 with the 'Busby babes' who captured two English league titles and were poised for greatness before disaster at Munich



Denis Law: the football genius guided by Busby



The Munich air crash of 1958 which destroyed the 'Busby babes'



Sir Matt Busby celebrates after the European Cup win of 1968

Family's jailer gets two years

A FATHER who lured a Canadian family across the Atlantic to use them as pawns in a custody battle was jailed for two years yesterday.

Richard Guest, 61, held the Canadian wife and her two young children in his Cornish cottage for over 16 hours to publicise his cause, Truro Crown Court was told.

In a ploy to gain access to his children, Guest, who is confined to a wheelchair, contacted a travel agent in Canada, offering a holiday and C$10,000 (£5,110) to a family in his ex-wife's home town in Ontario if they would come to England to take part in a travel film.

Guest, who was field events coach to the British Olympic pentathlon team in 1960, was sentenced after changing his plea part-way through the case to admit falsely imprisoning Joanne Leyburne, 31, and her two children at Week St Mary, Cornwall, last June.

Andrew Chubb, for the defence, said Guest had been promised full access to his three adolescent children after his divorce in 1990 but was devastated when, soon after, his ex-wife took them to Canada, ignoring a British judge's order in May to return them.

Guest released his hostages unhurt after a phone link to his own children in Canada was arranged.

Police lose boy's body in wood

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

DETECTIVES are hunting the killer of an 11-year-old boy who abducted and murdered his victim and then may have hidden the naked body for a second time minutes after searchers had found it in a lonely wood.

Kieran Hegarty was reported missing by his mother on Tuesday night and his body was found on Wednesday night in a forest in Strabane, Co Tyrone, by police officers accompanied by his father. They left to get help unaware that the murderer might still be near the scene. While they were away the body was dragged away and thrown into a bogland ditch.

A team of detectives and soldiers, who scoured the woods throughout the night, uncovered Kieran's body again yesterday morning.

Chief Supt Tom Craig, who is leading the murder investigation, said: "The body was moved and appears to have been concealed some distance from the original position. Obviously it has been a particularly difficult night."

He defended the RUC officers who left Kieran's body after the initial discovery. "The police officers had difficulty with radio communications and went to a nearby house in order to get assistance," he said. "It is a thick forest and on a dark and wet night there were difficulties."

Kieran's mother, Kathleen, who reported him missing on Tuesday night, said yesterday: "You read in the papers about these things — like James Bulger. Kieran often talked about James Bulger but little did he think that he might be killed like that. I only wish that the brutes that did this rot in hell."

A local priest, who broke the news of Kieran's death to the family, yesterday described the trauma they faced. Fr Oliver Crilly said: "It started on Tuesday night and even though he was lost all day Wednesday we hoped and prayed he was still alive. When his body was found it was the ultimate nightmare and now there has been this confusion."



Convict given a bus pass

A PRISONER who had served four days of a two-year sentence for burglary was given a bus pass and told to make his own way to another jail.

Stephen Bowal, 25, absconded and, while on the run, broke into an estate agency and a hairdressing salon, where he was caught by police.

Yesterday he appeared before Leicester magistrates and admitted burglary and trespass with intent to commit burglary. He was given a two months' imprisonment to run concurrently with his two-year sentence. A charge of escaping from custody was withdrawn at an earlier hearing.

The court was told that officers at Leicester prison gave Bowal the travel pass on October 25 and told him to make his way to an open prison in Lincolnshire, about 50 miles away.

At the earlier hearing, Malcolm Wilson, for the defence, said that his client had been unable to believe his luck at being allowed out unaccompanied after only four days of a two-year sentence.

After yesterday's hearing, the Home Office said: "This person was clearly judged to be suitable for an open prison. It would be rather foolish on our part to take him under secure escort to be left in an open establishment."

Soap actress 'hardly president of WI'

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE actress said to have had a "sex romp" on the A1 had concealed another side to her character while proclaiming her distress from the witness box, the High Court was told yesterday.

George Carman QC said Gillian Taylforth had been sympathetically portrayed in court as a lady wronged, but the reality was that she was a woman capable of coarseness in public after drinking.

In his closing speech to the jury, the barrister, who represents *The Sun* in the libel action brought by the *EastEnders* star, said: "Her baby Jessica was waved in and out of the script as if Miss Taylforth was president of the Mothers' Union. But we know that wasn't the true and whole picture of Gillian Taylforth."

A video shown to the jury of the actress simulating sex acts with a large sausage and a wine bottle at a party indicated "a woman capable of coarseness in front of other people, in front of the camera when in drink — sexual coarseness of a kind some of us might not find particularly pleasing, and something she didn't seem to be ashamed about in any way."

Miss Taylforth, 38, and her fiancé Geoffrey Knights, 39, a business consultant, are suing the newspaper for libel for repeating a police allegation that they had oral sex on a slip-road of the A1 in Hertfordshire after a day at Ascot races on June 17, 1992. News Group Newspapers, the publisher, denies libel.

The couple claim that Miss Taylforth stopped their car after Mr Knights complained of feeling sick during an attack of pancreatitis brought on by heavy drinking and that he loosened his trousers to relieve the pain in his stomach. But Mr Carman said: "The truth of this case is that this was a foolish jape, probably a dare from one partner to another."

Earlier, PC David Brown, who arrived after a summons for assistance, said the couple were using foul language and appeared to have been drinking: "Mr Knights was extremely smart but Miss Taylforth's hair looked a bit untidy. There was a slight redness in her face and the jacket she was wearing didn't seem to be square on her shoulders."

He alleged Mr Knights later said: "We had a good day at the races. The urge got hold of us on the way home. It was one of those things. You know how it is."

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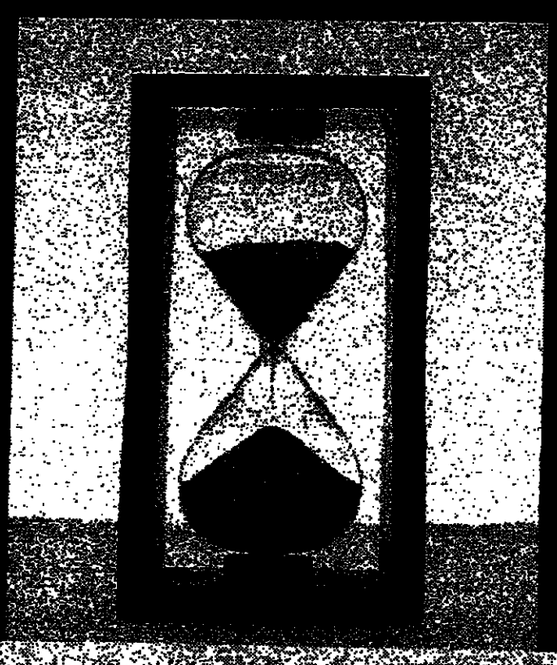
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Child-minder faces huge claim after damaging baby's brain

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A judge has ruled that a council official ignored risk factors and put a minder's interests before those of her charges

A CHILD-MINDER is facing a huge damages claim and possible prosecution after a High Court judge ruled yesterday that she had brain-damaged a baby boy in her care by severely shaking him.

Mr Justice Scott Baker held that the minder, Christine Walton, was liable for damages caused to the boy after she severely shook him while he was in her care.

Surrey County Council was castigated over its failure to tell the boy's mother that there was a question mark over the minder after another child in her care suffered similar injuries three months earlier. The council must also pay damages, the judge held.

Mr Justice Scott Baker sharply criticised the council's failures and its "lack of urgency" in investigating the injuries.



Walton: shook child left in her care

He said the evidence given by Peter Bodycomb, the council's nursery and child-minding officer, had left a picture of "bumbling inactivity" and that Mr Bodycomb had put the interests of the child-minder before those of the child. Mr Bodycomb "knew there was a significant risk to any small baby in Mrs Walton's care but chose to ignore the risk", the judge said. He did not warn the mother, Cora Dowling, 33, of Ashford, Surrey, when she phoned to enquire about placing her son Thomas, then six months old, with Mrs Walton and her husband Martin.

Mr Bodycomb satisfied himself that Mrs Walton did not cause the earlier injury and "put the interests of the child-minder before those of the child when the child's interests should have been his first and paramount consideration", the judge said.

Thomas is brain-damaged and partially-sighted as a result, the judge held, of being severely shaken by Mrs Walton.

Damages to be awarded against the council and Mrs Walton, of Ashford — who has now been de-registered — are to be assessed later, when Thomas's medical prospects are clear.

No criminal proceedings have been brought against Mrs Walton but Miss Dowling said she would instruct solicitors to send the papers to the Crown Prosecution Service.

The council was given leave to seek to recover from Mrs Walton up to 90 per cent of the damages and costs it will have to pay, because she was directly responsible for the injuries. Mr Walton was cleared of liability.

No damages were claimed on behalf of the other injured child, Simon Hewitt, although the judge also found that his injury — which left him with epileptic seizures and learning and behavioural problems — was non-accidental.

The Waltons told the court that Thomas had become ill while in their care in September 1989 but denied that they had hurt either him or Simon and could not explain the children's injuries.

But the judge said he did not feel the couple were telling the truth. He held Mrs Walton liable for damages for breach of contract, negligence and assault.

Mr Bodycomb had not tried to mislead the court but his evidence was "muddled and inconsistent".

Mr Bodycomb confirmed to Miss Dowling that Mrs Walton was a registered child-minder and left her with the clear impression that there was no reason why Thomas could not be left safely with her, the judge said.

Two case conferences over Simon Hewitt were inconclusive, but left at least a question mark about whether he suffered a non-accidental injury.

"No caring mother who had sat through two case conferences would have contemplated leaving her small baby with Mrs Walton," the judge said.

But Mr Bodycomb, who felt Mrs Walton would make a good minder and offered her much support since the Simon Hewitt incident, took the view that there was no proof she caused his injury.

His delay in going to see Mrs Walton after the conferences was "symptomatic of the general lack of urgency with which the local authority approached the situation", the judge said.

Mr Bodycomb's eventual recommendation to Mrs Walton that she should mind only toddlers, not babies, was a result of an ill-thought-out compromise, the judge said. Mr Bodycomb did not even tell Miss Dowling about this recommendation.

"He should have told her whatever he knew that a prudent parent would wish to know before placing a tiny baby with the Waltons," the judge said.

The council should have cancelled or at least suspended Mrs Walton's registration while making vigorous enquiries about Simon's injury.

Miss Dowling said: "I am very pleased, but I should not have been here today because this should never have been allowed to happen."

She said Thomas was a "very happy little boy" despite his problems. "I have got past bitterness and anger, but perhaps after today the council will be a bit more careful about what goes on."

Graham Gatehouse, the council's director of social services, said: "This is a very tragic event, one we will not allow to be repeated, and with the value of hindsight was probably avoidable."

There were many lessons to be learnt, he added. "It is reasonable to think that my local managers should have examined registration issues [of child-minders] more critically at the time and pursued these issues vigorously."

Changes had been made to reduce the risk of something similar happening, he added. Specialist independent chairmen of child protection conferences had been recruited, the management structure of the day-care advisory service had been strengthened and training in child protection for day care advisers improved.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Cora Dowling and her son Thomas, left brain-damaged and partially-sighted

Great Train Robber shot his in-law

BY A STAFF REPORTER

ROY James, one of the Great Train Robbers, shot his former father-in-law three times and hit his ex-wife with a gun butt in front of their two young daughters in a row about divorce proceedings, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Anthea James, 28, wept as she told the court how her father had been bent double trying to get back to their car as James shot him when they visited his home at Headley, Surrey. James then hit her very hard on the head with the butt of the pistol.

James, 58, denies attempting to murder David Wadlow, 55, causing him grevious bodily harm, and unlawfully wounding his former wife. There is no dispute that he fired the shots and hit his ex-wife, only as to his state of mind at the time.

Mrs James said she met her future husband when she went to work in his jewellery business in Hatton Garden, London, as a 16-year-old. He appeared to be a successful businessman and the 30-year age gap was not of concern, she told the court. But after four or five years of marriage, the age difference between them began to show.

David Spens, for the prosecution, has said that after the pair separated and divorced James could not come to terms with the fact his former wife wanted to live an independent life and see other men.

The case continues.

Father who killed 'had no recall'

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A FATHER who killed his daughter with a hammer during a row told a jury that he blocked the memory from his mind immediately afterwards.

Robert Fleming, 52, said that after he had put the body of his daughter, Linda, 23, into his car boot "it was as if it hadn't happened, it didn't exist any more. I shut up the house and went to work".

It was not until the end of the day when Fleming, a joinery firm manager, went to put his hard-hat in the boot that he recalled that he was responsible for the body there but couldn't remember when he had killed her.

He dumped her corpse on remote moorland 11 miles from the family home at Elland, West Yorkshire, where the killing occurred. "I drove away and went home. It was just as if I had come straight home from work. I didn't remember. It was like every time I shut the boot it was gone," he said.

Fleming has denied at Leeds Crown Court that he murdered Linda, a trainee hospital pharmacist, but has had his plea of guilty of manslaughter rejected by the prosecution.

He said that the next morning, when his wife became extremely concerned that Linda had not returned home, he believed she had "gone out with friends and made a night of it and had then gone shopping".

The hearing continues.

Five-star treatment puts pigs in clover

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A PIG farmer in the Highlands of Scotland is reaping the results of a rearing system that treats his pigs as if they were guests in a five-star hotel.

David Whiteford, from Nigg in Ross and Cromarty, has the cleanest pigs in the north. He has fitted showers and self-flushing toilets for the pigs, which sleep in cushioned quarters, ringed with curtains.

The air-conditioned "living-room" pens have activity centres and scratch poles and there are hot sweet drinks on tap. There is separate food in the "dining room" quarters.

Mr Whiteford, who has 450 breeding sows and 3,000 fattening pigs, has been using the system for 18 months and says his pigs are happier and healthier than those reared under the conventional system. The piglet mortality rate at his farm has halved since the system was introduced.

The cosseting techniques were developed at the University of Nuttingen in Germany. "The system costs a little bit more than the conventional methods," Mr Whiteford said. "Growth rates in the pigs are much better. They have a stress-free existence and that comes through in the meat. Pigs that suffer a lot of stress tend to have drier, less tasty meat."

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Major attacks 'widely unpopular' politically correct ideology

Head apologises for Romeo ban

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE head teacher who banned her pupils from seeing the ballet *Romeo and Juliet* because it was too heterosexual apologised yesterday, as her decision was described by John Major as unwelcome "political correctness".

A subdued Jane Brown, 36, emerged from a meeting with education officials at Hackney Council, east London, to issue a statement saying: "I am dismayed at the distress I have caused to parents, staff and pupils by the unwelcome media attention which has focused on the school."

The Prime Minister said in the Commons yesterday that there was no doubt that politically correct ideology was "widely unpopular among parents, who want their children to be taught in schools the basics of English language, English history and all the things that will equip them for a proper adulthood".

Ms Brown's rejection of an invitation for pupils of Kingsmead Primary School at Clapton Park, east London, to see Prokofiev's ballet performed at the Royal Opera House led to the 75-minute meeting with her employers only 24 hours after her decision had become public. While her apology has partly defused the situation, Ms Brown still faces the possibility of disciplinary action.

Her statement added: "I only hope the opportunity to see a professional performance of *Romeo and Juliet* will arise again."

Gus John, Hackney's director of education and leisure, summoned Ms Brown to his office to ask why she had prevented children at her inner-city primary school from seeing a subsidised performance by the Royal Ballet.

Mr John is expected to make a "strong recommendation" about Ms Brown's future to the board of governors.

Ms Brown had refused the offer of seats because the ballet based on Shakespeare's play was "entirely about heterosexual love". Other schools in the borough agreed to join a project organised by the charitable Paul Hamlyn Foundation, which offered seats priced from £2 to £10, a saving in some cases of £50 a head. Children were invited to stage



John: worked hard to lose "loony" image

their own production of *Romeo and Juliet*, advised by a dance expert at the Hackney Empire, before seeing the Covent Garden production. The events were part of the charity's annual For Westminster Week, which ended last Monday, during which more than 300 organisations accepted subsidised tickets.

Ms Brown declined the offer when Ingrid Haitink, whose father Bernard is music director of Covent Garden, spoke to her by telephone in September. The head teacher said that until books, films and the theatre reflected all forms of sexuality, she would not be involving her pupils in heterosexual culture.

A council source said: "People here were ready to string her from a lamp-post last night. We work so hard to provide a good education in our 60 primary schools and all it takes is one case like this to spoil our image."

Mr John, who has been in charge of education since Hackney inherited responsibility for schools from the abolished Inner London Education Authority, was furious before he met the £25,000-a-year head teacher. He has striven to rid the Labour borough of its "loony left" reputation and described the incident as a "wretched and unwanted diversion from my more important duties".

The complaint that *Romeo and Juliet* was a heterosexual story was "a crass objection coming from a teacher, let alone a head teacher, quite stupid. That's what *Romeo and Juliet* is, full stop, you can't wish it to be anything else." Mr John acknowledged that the council was trying to avoid the accusation that political correctness played a part in defining the school curriculum.

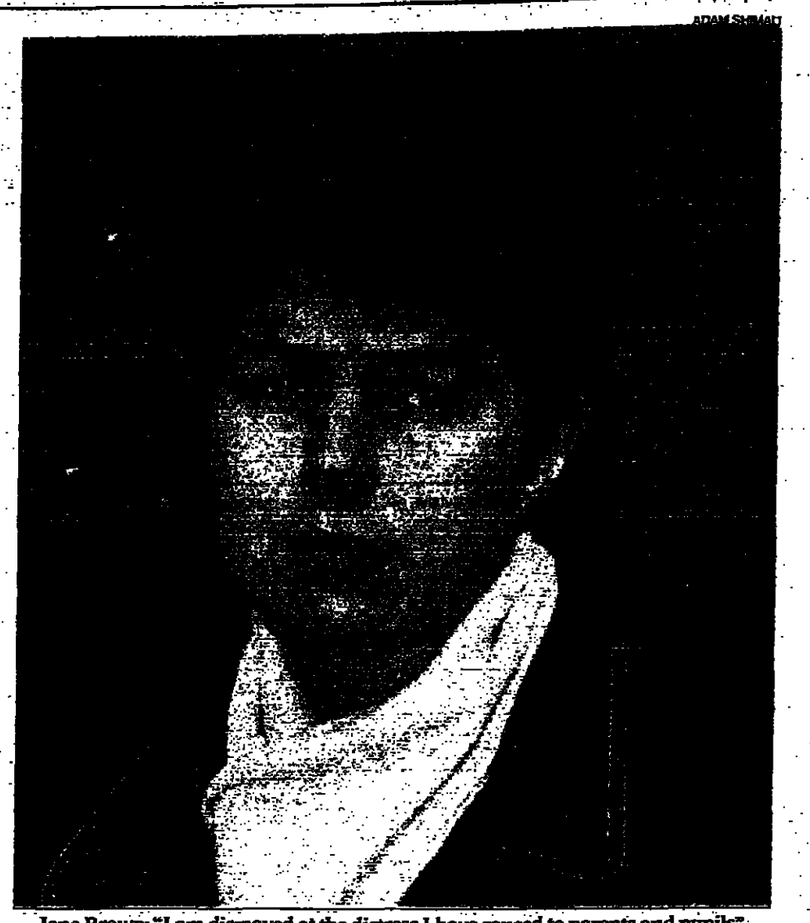
He said he had not interrogated Ms Brown about either her sexuality or politics and that her only requirement was to carry out council policy.

Ms Brown dissociated herself from reports that she had also been concerned about violence in the play.

Miss Brown began teaching at Kingsmead in 1987, was appointed deputy head by the now defunct Inner London Education Authority in 1989 and became head under Hackney council in October 1991. She lives in an end-of-terrace house in Clapton with a woman believed to be her sister and three children.

The Royal Opera House said that last night's final performance of *Romeo and Juliet*, starring the internationally acclaimed dancer Sylvie Guillem, was sold out. The Hackney schoolchildren could not now see the production but might be invited next year, when the Paul Hamlyn Foundation offered cut-price tickets again.

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Jane Brown: "I am dismayed at the distress I have caused to parents and pupils"

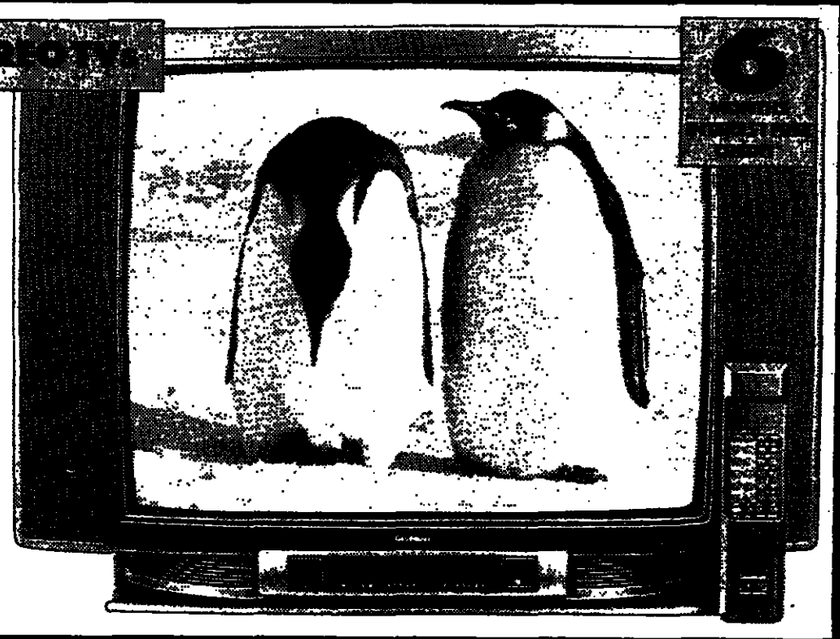
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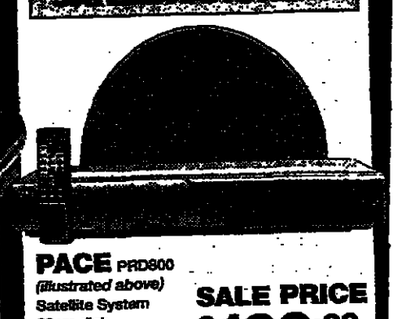
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Protest by Ashley as judge bans deaf juror

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A JUDGE who banned a deaf woman yesterday from sitting on a jury has been reported to the Lord Chancellor. Special equipment had been set up at King's Lynn Crown Court, Norfolk, to enable the woman to become the first deaf juror in an English court.

An official complaint about Judge John Binns was lodged last night with the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, by Lord Ashley, the former Labour MP, who became deaf in 1968.

The Royal National Institute for Deaf People also criticised the judge and claimed that the criminal justice system treated deaf people as second-class citizens. The judge is no stranger to controversy. Last year he jailed two vigilantes after they kidnapped a youth. Later he fined a drink-driver £250 for causing the death of a mother and her baby.

A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department said: "Judge Binns discharged the woman because she would be unable to fully participate in the debate when the jury retires. Legally only 12 people are allowed in the jury room so there cannot be an interpreter with them."

But Lord Ashley, 71, who managed to participate in debates in the House of Commons with the aid of special equipment, was appalled. "I have written to the Lord Chancellor to demand an immediate investigation," he said. "This is a denial of human rights.

"For the judge to act in such an arbitary manner is inexcusable." Lord Ashley's hearing was restored last year after an operation.

The institute contradicted the Lord Chancellor's department's interpretation of the law. Adam Gaines, head of campaigns, said: "There is nothing in the Juries Act which prevents a 13th person — an interpreter — going into the jury room. Interpreters are trained to be confidential."

The unnamed woman has been deaf from birth. She lip reads and uses sign language.

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Mother on trial for murder

A mother charged with murdering her two children has been sent for trial at Newcastle Crown Court. Maxine Robinson, 25, showed no emotion as magistrates at Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, committed her in custody after a five-minute hearing.

She is accused of killing her daughter Christine, 19 months, and son Anthony, five months, at the family home in Ouston, Co Durham, last June. Hours before they died the children played in a garden paddling pool before their father, Peter, 31, bathed them and put them to bed in separate rooms.

Statements from 32 potential witnesses were handed in to the court.

Food sabotage

A food worker has been convicted at Hereford Crown Court of contaminating marmalade with glass with intent to cause economic loss. David Cox, 56, of Alcester, Warwickshire, has been remanded on bail for a pre-sentence report.

Wedded quiz

Psychologists at the University of Central Lancashire are looking for more than 300 engaged couples to take part in a survey to find out why marriages fail.

Disease fades

The lowest number of cases of meningitis since 1985 — 2,097 — was reported in England and Wales last year. A vaccine was introduced in 1992.

Birds stolen

Fourteen rare birds worth more than £1,000 have been stolen from Peter Townshend, 48, of Cheltenham, who is disabled.

No rubbish

A 60-year-old litter bin in Malton, North Yorkshire, has been listed as of historical and architectural importance. It bears the royal cypher GR.

Death fall

James Cullen, 34, of Jesmond, Tyne and Wear, died after he fell from Helvellyn in the Lake District.

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Ozone levels over Britain 'threatening food chain'

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

Concentrations of ozone-depleting chemicals are starting to tail off, but the build-up will continue into the next century

THE Earth's protective ozone is at a record low over Britain and there are fears that the resulting high levels of ultraviolet light could affect pollinating insects and the growth of seedlings.

Scientists with the Stratospheric Ozone Review Group said yesterday that despite measures to phase out ozone-depleting chemicals, such as the aerosol gases chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), the layer will continue to be destroyed into the early part of next century.

By 2005, the levels of ultraviolet light hitting Aberdeen could be equivalent to those in mid-France.

Joe Farman, of the European Ozone Research Co-ordinating Unit and the man who discovered the ozone hole over Antarctica in 1985, said the main threat could be to seedlings and "pollinating insects at the heart of the food chain".

He said that to the best of his knowledge no research had been carried out on the links between higher levels of UV and insects such as bees. Increased levels of ultra violet light may damage the leaves of seedlings and kill insects by damaging their genetic material.

As the ozone layer thins, environmentalists and medical researchers fear that the levels of skin cancer will rise. The UN has predicted that a 10 per cent decrease in the ozone layer will lead to 300,000 more skin cancers a year and 1.75 million cataracts.

Dr John Pyle of Cambridge University, chairman of the ozone review group, said this was unlikely, particularly if people took sensible protective measures such as wearing a hat and sun cream.

The fifth report of the group, which was set up in 1985 by the Department of the Environment and the Meteorological Office, assesses the results from satellite measurements, aircraft and field work. It finds that between May 1992 and May 1993 the average global thickness of ozone fell by between 2 and 3 per cent. Over northern Europe, however, winter levels of ozone slumped by around 25 per cent between 1991 and 1993.

The scientists said the sharp decline was partly due to unusual weather conditions, in particular a strong and persistent anticyclone over the area, and the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines in June 1991.

They also said the destruction was triggered by a build-up of chlorine chemicals. Such chemicals, released from products such as aerosols, refrigerants and fire extinguishers, have been shown to be causing the hole over Antarctica, but these are the first firm findings showing they are also damaging ozone over the northern hemisphere.

The scientists said that measures under the Montreal Protocol to phase out CFCs and some other ozone-depleting chemicals by 1996 were working, with concentrations beginning to tail off. Nevertheless, build-ups of breakdown chemicals, the actual ozone killers, will persist into the next century, peaking between 2000 and 2005. This is likely to trigger a 20 to 25 per cent average thinning over Britain and northern Europe since records began in 1979. Dr Pyle said the hole over Antarctica was unlikely to disappear until 2080.

The scientists also called on the Government to save *Snoopy*, the C130 Hercules aircraft operated by the Meteorological Research Flight at Farnham, Hampshire. Last week *The Times* reported that the plane, which is involved in crucial atmospheric research, was on a Ministry of Defence hit list. While America and Germany are building new research aircraft, Britain will have none if *Snoopy* goes.

Dr Pyle said the aircraft was not only vital for research, but secured Britain a presence in scientific projects of international importance.

'Too pretty' woman wins case

By Ronald Faux

A WOMAN who was told she was too attractive to do her job won her claim for sex discrimination and unfair dismissal at an industrial tribunal yesterday.

Tracey Gatehouse, 24, left her job as area sales manager for a gaming machine operator in Warrington, Cheshire, after she was told her appearance was a disadvantage.

She told a Liverpool tribunal that she was warned she might make the wives of pub landlords jealous. She was advised to make herself look more dowdy by tying back her long, curly hair, wearing her driving glasses and even getting a few spots.

Errol Lloyd Parry, the tribunal chairman, decided the comments of Peter Barrett, her regional sales manager, were "gratuitous and offensively put". He added: "Mr Barrett communicated not friendly advice but a far more offensive message. He made her feel as if she was a woman who attracted trouble. He would not have spoken to a man as he spoke to her."

COLIN LANE



Tracey Gatehouse: told she would make wives jealous

Carl trio win right to review

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

THE Home Office is facing a court challenge over its refusal to release information about the Carl Bridgewater case which might help three men jailed for the newspaper boy's murder to win their freedom.

Lawyers for the men yesterday won the right to seek a review of the decision not to provide details of points on which Kenneth Clarke, the then Home Secretary, decided against referring the case to the Court of Appeal.

Mr Justice Law said in the High Court it was arguable that the men were entitled to know the substance of the points and granted them leave to seek judicial review.

Michael Hickey, Vincent Hickey and James Robinson were convicted of murdering Carl, aged 13, at Yew Tree Farm, Wordsley, West Midlands, in 1978.

Jim Nichol, their solicitor, said yesterday: "The Home Secretary has got evidence substantially in support of the applicants' case and it is something we should know about and not something he is entitled to sit on and keep as a private matter."

Fish resurface at pre-holiday prices

By Steven Fox

GOOD quality fish is in abundant supply and prices have returned to pre-Christmas levels. Cod is the best whitefish buy at less than £3 a lb. Lemon sole, about the same price, is back in good supply.

Witch, a little known flatfish, is extremely good value at about £2 a lb on the bone. Herrings are about 90p a lb and sprats are also worth looking out for at about 75p a lb. Plaice is £1.20-£2 a lb.

Shellfish includes fresh mussels at £1 a lb and large native oysters, about 50p each. English squid has had its texture improved by the cold weather and is about £2.20 a lb. Skate is the best overall fish buy, about £2.90 a lb.

Potatoes, Britain's most popular vegetable, are good value, at 20-32p a lb for English baking potatoes, 10-20p a lb for English main crop and 30-50p for French and Italian salad potatoes.

Other vegetable bargains are Spania and French broccoli at 70p-£1.20 a lb, English, French, and Spania carrots at 15-25p a lb and Dutch or English leeks at 45-75p.

Cape grapes are the best fruit bargain. Sultana white seedless grapes are £1.35-£1.80 a lb. The larger Thompson seedless variety are 98p-£1.80 a lb. La Rochelle black grapes, also from the Cape, are £1.35-2.50 a lb.

Pork is in plentiful supply and British loin chops are about £1.29 a lb. Lamb chops, about £2.29 a lb, and cubed braising steaks, about £2.78 a lb, are worth considering.

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☐ **Co-op:** Birds Eye Cod in butter sauce £2.49 for 1.5 lbs; British minced beef 98p a lb; Co-op whole carrots 19p a can.

☐ **Harrods:** Milano salami £2.25 a lb; Canary tomatoes 39p a lb; Camembert £3.10.

☐ **Iceland:** Chicken quarters £2.99 for 2 kgs; garden peas 69p for 2 lbs; Gigantica pizzas £1.99 each; Chicago chocolate chip cheese cake £1.49.

☐ **Safeway:** Medium mature cheddar £1.39 a lb; Safeway honey-glazed gammon ham £2.19 for 454g; Buitoni short-cut spaghetti 32p for 500g.

☐ **Sainsbury's:** large peeled North Atlantic prawns £4.49 for 500g; white seedless grapes 98p a lb; British back bacon £2.29 a lb; four-pack of chocolate mousse 85p.

☐ **Tesco:** Lincolnshire sausages 99p for 454g; Ross grill steaks £1.49 for six; Tesco Californian wine £2.99 a ltr.

☐ **Waitrose:** English farmhouse pork boneless shoulders 99p a lb; Cotswold pork sausages 99p a lb; British beef sirloin steaks £3.99 a lb.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Four nations chess league

Weekend three of the national chess league for teams takes place at Cheltenham this weekend. Eagle Star will be hosting the action at its Bishop's Cleeve complex. The top two seeds, Invicta Knights of Maidstone and Barbican, clash for the first time and the result of their match could decide the eventual destination of the premier league title.

Leaders emerge

Vishy Anand, the Indian grandmaster, and Valery Salov of Russia have emerged as clear leaders in their respective matches from the Fide championship in Wijk aan Zee, Holland.

After three rounds scores are:
Salov v Khalifman 2.5-0.5
Anand v Yusupov 2.5-0.5
Kamsky v Van der Sterren 2-1
Kramnik v Yudasin 2-1
Timman v Lautier 1.5-1.5
Adams v Gelfand 1.5-1.5

In the following game Yusupov breaks prematurely on move 19 and on move 27 he should have played ... b3.

White: Vishy Anand
Black: Artur Yusupov
Fide candidates, game 3, Wijk aan Zee
January 1994

Ruy Lopez

1	e4		e5
2	Nf3		Nc6
3	Bb5		a6
4	Ba4		d6
5	c3		Bd7
6	d4		Nge7
7	Be3		h6
8	Nbd2		g5
9	dxe5		dxe5
10	h4		g4
11	Nh2		h5
12	Nhf1		Ng6
13	g3		Be7
14	Bc2		Be6
15	Bb3		Qd7
16	Bxe6		Qxe6
17	Qb3		Qxb3
18	axb3		0-0
19	b4		b5
20	Nb3		a5
21	Nxa5		Nxa5
22	bxa5		c5
23	Nd2		Ra6
24	Nb3		Rc8
25	Ke2		c4
26	Nc1		b4
27	Rd1		bxc3
28	bxc3		Bd8
29	Ra4		Nf8
30	Rd5		f6
31	Na2		Rca6
32	Rxd8		Rxd8
33	Nb4		Ra8
34	e6		Ne6
35	Nd5		Rxd5
36	exd5		Nc7
37	d6		Nb5
38	Rb4		Nxc3+
39	Kd2		Nd5
40	Rb7		c3+
41	Kc2		Rxa6
42	Rb8+		Black resigns

Diagram of final position



After 42 ... Kf7 43 d7, the White d-pawn will inevitably cost Black his rook.

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Report says oil tanker lost power and struck Shetland because of one man's dereliction of duty

Captain blamed for sinking of Braer

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE master of the oil tanker *Braer*, which threatened Shetland with an environmental disaster when it was wrecked last year, was yesterday accused of a serious dereliction of duty.

Shetland coastguards are also criticised in the official report into the incident, for confusing the captain by involving him in a discussion about commercial rates for towing when it was obvious that the vessel was in trouble.

The coastguards are also blamed for failing to relay the captain's request for towage assistance as soon as possible.

But the report, by the marine accident investigation branch (MAIB) of the Transport Department, makes it clear that even if rescue tugs had been dispatched with minimum delay none of them could have reached the *Braer* in time to save it.

Most of the blame is directed towards Captain Alexandros Gellis, 46, for failing to take action to secure or jettison spare sections of pipe that had broken loose or to observe what damage they were causing: adrift on deck in a severe gale, they damaged an air pipe allowing serious water contamination of the diesel oil supply to the main engine and generator.

The engine stopped at about 4.40am on January 5 last year, leaving the *Braer* with her cargo of 84,500 tonnes of crude oil drifting towards the shore, where she grounded and broke up.

Captain Gellis was also at fault, the report says, for allowing the navigation officers and ratings to spend their entire periods of bridge duty inside the wheelhouse. "Checks of most of the outside deck areas aft could have been made from the bridge and captain's deck or from within the accommodation, with no risk to crew safety. Had this been done, the breaking loose of the pipes might have been noticed earlier."

The report says that having made a clear and repeated request for towage, Captain Gellis became confused by the coastguards' question concerning payment and "evidently came to the conclusion that towage would not be provided without prior agreement involving his owners.

"It seems surprising that the coastguards did not explain that they are not concerned with commercial matters".

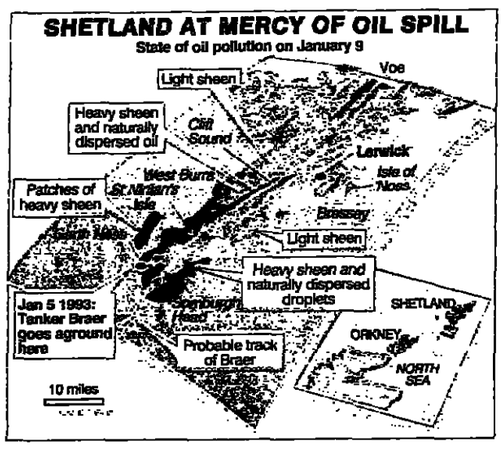
The master and crew of the tug *Star Sirius*, which attempted to establish a tow line to pull the *Braer* away from danger, are commended for excellent seamanship.

The MAIB recommended that seamanship standards should be thoroughly checked and action taken to ensure that requests for towage assistance were dealt with immediately. The recommendations are being considered by the Department of Transport, the International Chamber of Shipping and the International Shipping Federation.

The managers of the *Braer* said yesterday that their confidence in Captain Gellis was such that they had employed him shortly after the disaster to take charge of another tanker. A spokesman for Bergvall & Hudner of Stamford, Connecticut, USA, said: "We consider the reports do not give due weight to the severity of the weather preventing the crew from getting on deck to attempt to secure the loose pipes."



The Braer, aground off Shetland in January last year: swifter action probably would not have saved her, according to the accident report





Capt Gellis: criticised in official report

Islanders demand tougher safeguards

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

SHETLAND islanders who had hoped for recommendations that would immediately make the coastline safer say the report into the wreck of the *Braer* is "too little, too late".

All that can be seen of the tanker, which sank a year ago, spilling 85,000 tonnes of oil, is the ship's bow sticking out of the sea. But while tangible evidence of pollution has disappeared, concerns have not.

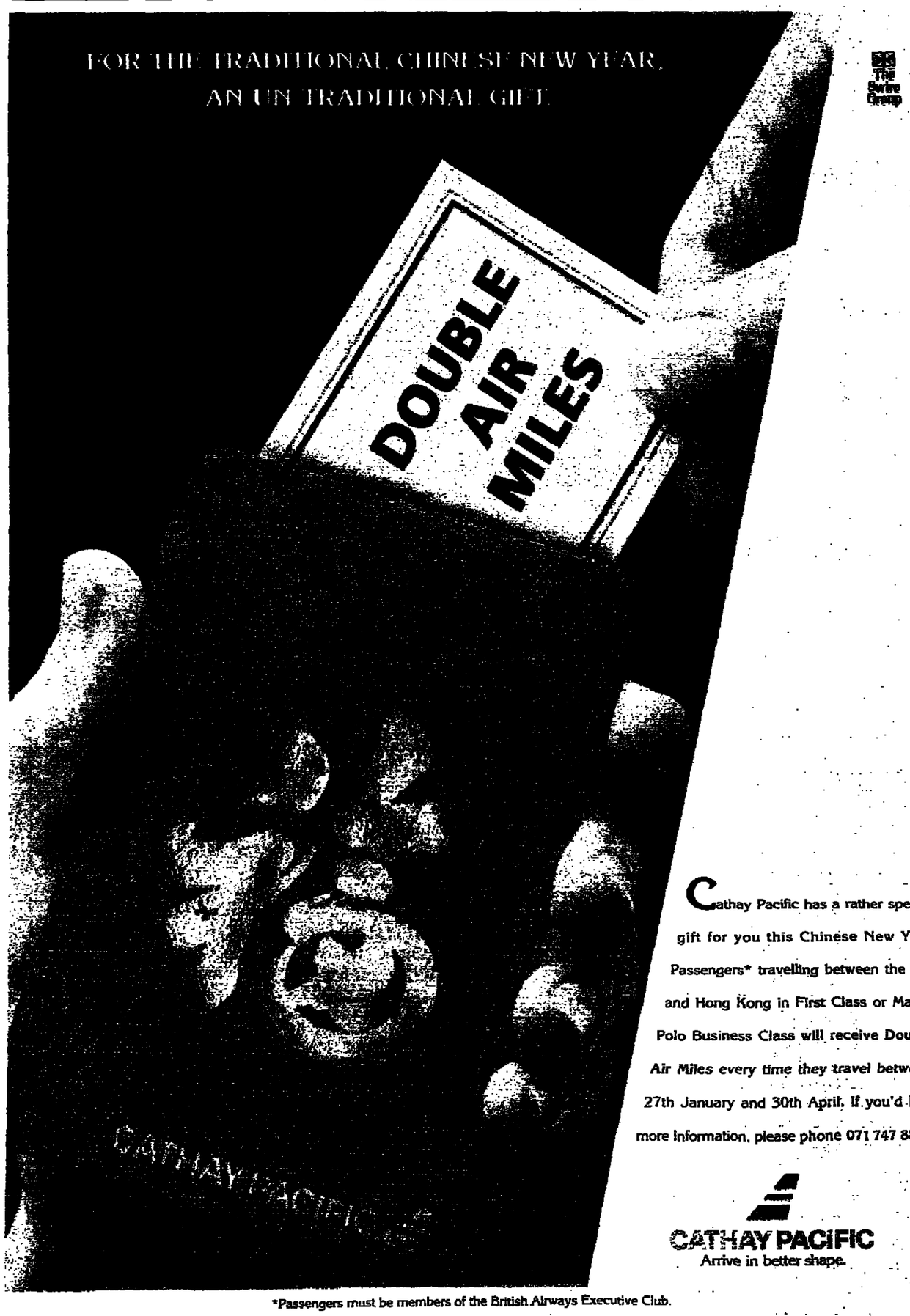
Dr Jonathan Wills, the Shetland environmentalist, believes the criticism of Captain Alexandros Gellis, in the report by the Transport Department's marine accident investigation branch, is justified, although he adds that the captain was very tired at the time and under immense commercial pressure.

Dr Wills said: "The problem I have with the report is: where is the evidence? We are having to take a lot on trust. I would like to see the log books published and a public enquiry where witnesses give evidence under oath. I still do not think we have got to the bottom of it and I am concerned that a similar incident could happen again anywhere off the coast of Britain. What is needed are early warning systems and radar monitoring equipment."

Malcolm Green, chief executive of Shetland Islands council, said: "This is nothing new, nothing startling and nothing that is going to stop a similar incident in the future. It may lessen the chances slightly but there needs to be a better international management system at least for ships carrying hazardous cargoes."

Dr Wills felt criticism of the coastguard was unfair because they had not had authority to call out a tug. "Any criticism of the coastguard should be redirected to the shipping minister," he said.

Bob Walker, chairman of Shetland Islands Tourism, said the report made him more determined to get compensation for the industry, which he claims has lost at least £1.3 million.



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Jury judges sex toys fit for market

A SELECTION of novelty sex aids was paraded before the jury at Preston Crown Court yesterday as a market trader answered charges of setting up an indecent display.

Anthony Nicholson, 36, of Blackpool, Lancashire, pleaded not guilty to three charges brought after a female police officer observed children playing with a clockwork penis, phallic icemoulds and glow-in-the-dark vibrators.

She asked Mr Nicholson to remove the display and he refused, Simon Newall, for the prosecution, told the court.

"This is a case you will find somewhat amusing," he said, "but it is still a serious criminal charge."

Alan Booth, for the defence, said that penises had been in the news a lot recently. "Anybody who has read any newspaper in the last few weeks could not help but read about these sort of things," he said.

The toys were merely joke novelties. "It may not be in good taste but it is not indecent."

The jury took 15 minutes to agree. "I am amazed this ever got this far," said Mr Nicholson afterwards.

How frogs survived life's darkest hour

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

LIFE on earth was nearly snuffed out 250 million years ago by cataclysmic changes in climate and ecology.

More than 90 per cent of sea species and 70 per cent of those on land were destroyed. Only deep-water creatures survived relatively unscathed, yet the reasons for the extinctions remain obscure.

The loss of species at the end of the Permian era makes the later extinction of dinosaurs, 65 million years ago, look small beer. That disaster is believed to have been caused by a comet or asteroid crashing into Earth, but the earlier one was more complex, according to Dr Douglas Erwin, of the National Museum of Natural History, Washington.

During the Permian era, the land was home to a wide range of carnivorous amphibians. Today only a few survive — frogs, toads and newts — but 300 million years ago almost every large land animal was amphibian, some resembling crocodiles. They ate fish, other amphibians or the first reptiles, which had just emerged. There were no dinosaurs or mammals. Dr Erwin says in *Nature* that this world came to an end in less than two million years. It happened, he argues, because a series of events transformed physical conditions on Earth.

The first was a decline in sea levels, which dried out marine basins in which many species lived. Coastlines with many inlets became straight lines with less attractive habitats. The land became exposed and arid.

The climate changed as volcanoes erupted and carbon dioxide levels increased. The oceans became starved of oxygen and some gloabl warming occurred. Finally, the oceans rose swiftly, destroying many land species that lived close to the shore.

Of nine families of amphibians, six disappeared; among reptiles, 21 out of 27 families went. Evolution went to work on what remained, altering the fate of certain life forms. In particular, Dr Erwin says, gastropods — a class that includes slugs and snails — would be very different if so many ancestors had not been cut off in their prime.

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Cabinet ministers put on war footing for Euro elections

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

■ The Prime Minister has called in the shock troops to save the Government's — and his own — fortunes this year

JOHN Major yesterday asked every member of the Cabinet to play a campaigning role in June's European parliament elections as ministers began preparing for a mid-term test that will be vital to his own and the Government's fortunes.

At a Cabinet session yesterday ministers also agreed to fight fire with fire if Labour uses the vote-rigging allegations against Westminster council as part of its tactics for the equally important local elections in May.

Detailed dossiers are being compiled on the activities of Labour councils ready for use if Labour presses the "sleaze button", Tory strategists said.

The decision to bring in all Cabinet ministers for June's elections is meant to signal that the Government is determined to fight a positive campaign, in contrast to the 1989 game plan which badly misfired as Baroness Thatcher led a negative assault on the Brussels bureaucracy.

The Conservatives will present themselves as the "anti-centralist" party opposed to a European superstate and accuse Labour and the Liberal Democrats of wanting to give more power to Brussels. But that message will be clouded by the Tories' alliance with the European People's Party, the centre-right grouping in the European parliament, which supports a federal Europe, a single currency and the social chapter.

Tory officials insisted yesterday that their candidates would be fighting on a Conservative manifesto, not that of the EPP. They added that there were "considerable areas of policy" where they disagreed with the EPP.

Detailed work is proceeding on a Euro-manifesto that Mr Major and Douglas Hurd, who is writing it, hope will somehow enable the party's federalists and Euro-sceptics to campaign on a joint platform. But tension seems likely because the manifesto committee appears already to have agreed that the Government cannot rule out for ever a return to the European exchange-rate mechanism.

It seems certain to use the tested formula that Britain will not join "in the foreseeable future". To have gone further would have upset a large part of the Tory Party and many of the mainly Euro-enthusiast Conservative candidates.

In an attempt to remove an obvious source of conflict, it was confirmed yesterday that the controversial Bill increasing Britain's funding to the EC is likely to be delayed until after the poll.

Omens for the elections already look unpromising for the Conservatives, with fears they could lose a large part of southern England to the Liberal Democrats. Ministers have decided that the last thing they need in the run-up to the election is a return to the infighting of last year.

Yesterday Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, briefed colleagues on his plans to push 100 new agents into marginal seats before autumn 1995 and on the improving state of Tory finances. The party expects to break even this year. The party also announced yesterday that Dame Angela Rumbold has been appointed as the new deputy chairman in charge of candidates, the first woman to hold the post.



Housing reforms reveal Tory split

BY JILL SHERMAN AND RACHEL KELLY

MINISTERIAL divisions over single mothers were exposed last night as the Government unveiled plans to stop pregnant teenagers jumping housing queues.

Sir George Young, the Housing Minister, proposed in a consultation paper that homeless families should no longer have priority for permanent council housing. But Robert Key, the Roads Minister, denounced attacks on single mothers. Writing in the *Salisbury Journal*, Mr Key said there was no evidence that young women deliberately became pregnant to get council housing.

Some right-wing Cabinet ministers, including Peter Lilley, have suggested that the "fast track" to housing has prompted some young women to start a family.

Mr Key said in his signed article: "Over the past decade I have dealt with scores of cases involving women with children who have been widowed, walked out on or treated badly by the system. I have yet to meet a single mother who has deliberately become pregnant in order to gain housing or financial advantage."

Last night the charity Shelter said Sir George's proposals were the return of "Cathy Come Home", while Labour insisted that children would be the main victims of a move prompted by a housing shortage. Jack Straw, the shadow environment secretary, denounced the proposals as "an embarrassing hangover from the back-to-basics debacle of last year's Tory Party conference."

Under the present law, councils have to give priority to homeless people over those on housing waiting lists when allocating permanent flats and houses. The changes would mean that councils would have only to provide temporary accommodation for the homeless, mainly in private rented property. Those eligible for temporary housing will be entitled to six-month renewable tenancies. Charities fear that private landlords will oust them after the minimum period, resulting in families being uprooted every six months.

Although Sir George made clear that the policy changes apply to all homeless people, rather than just single mothers, he also published research showing that 43 per cent of those accepted on local authority statutory housing lists are single mothers.

Ministers believe that the rule which obliges councils to give priority to homeless families when allocating housing provides a "perverse incentive" for people to leave home and present themselves as homeless. The proportion of households accepted as statutorily homeless has more than doubled since the law was introduced in 1977.

Ashdown misses media attention at the hustings

Paddy Ashdown is in a quandary. The Liberal Democrats' fortunes are inextricably linked with elections. The razzmatazz of campaigns and the party's frequent successes boost its poll ratings. But there have been no contests of national interest since the Christchurch by-election in late July.

The party has found it hard to attract attention, except for unfavourable headlines over dubious campaigning tactics in Tower Hamlets. The Liberal Democrats' ratings have slipped, though they are still higher than at the 1992 general election.

Mr Ashdown can hope for a further boost from the May and June elections, though he plays down expectations of winning more than a handful of European seats. His party is squeezed by the battle of the mastodons. Although Mr Ashdown has something distinctive to say about Bosnia and Ireland, he cannot generate much interest for his other comments.

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Not only are the media bored by the party, but the Liberal Democrats do not have much to contribute to many policy debates.

Mr Ashdown accepts that identity is all for a third party, otherwise it is just a vehicle for protest votes. Refining and conveying a core message is vital. Following the example of Labour's social justice commission, Mr Ashdown recently set up a similar semi-independent commission on wealth creation and social cohesion, chaired by Lord Dahrendorf. Its members are the good and great of Lib-Labbery, including the Labour MP Frank Field and Professor David Marquand, the ideologist of the anguished centre. This is separate from the party's own policymaking, but should help to focus thinking on how to improve people's well-being.

Reflecting his distaste for Westminster politics, Mr Ashdown is attracted by the iconoclasm of think tanks like Demos. His conversation is full of the buzz words of the new politics: citizenship, community, sustainability, networking, participation and self-reliance. Our institutions are in dire need of modernisation. But this can easily degenerate into well-intentioned but meaningless claptrap.

These themes could, however, be attractive to voters repelled by the main parties. Mr Ashdown has started to broaden his attack from just the Tories to arguing that Labour has failed to adapt to the new politics. Relations with Labour are central to its predicament. The public fiction is maintained that the Liberal Democrats are equally distant from both parties. In practice, they could hardly vote to keep a Tory Party without an overall majority in office after the next election. Their only real chance of power is with Labour. Some Liberal Democrats who favour closer links believe the pretence of equidistance should be dropped. Mr Ashdown argues that this question does not have to be addressed yet. Mr Smith, however, refuses even to discuss the possibility of links.

Mr Ashdown's most pressing difficulty is over Tower Hamlets. The enquiry by Lord Lester of Herne Hill was damning about local leaflets pandering to racial fears. But the London regional party rejected the option of expelling two members. This has privately infuriated some Liberal Democrat MPs but the procedure is defended by the leader since specific undertakings have been obtained to prevent a repetition.

But the story is not over yet. The cases of three other members and the supervision of the local party have not been decided. As Labour discovered in the 1980s, parties are partly judged by how they manage their internal affairs. Tower Hamlets is a key test of credibility which the Liberal Democrats have so far failed, and which will haunt Mr Ashdown in his attempt to carve out a new politics through the fog of the current party battle.

PETER RIDDELL

The week in Parliament

The main business in the next week is expected to be:

House of Commons

Today: Debates on Northern Ireland, and burdens on business.
Monday: Questions: transport; Duchy of Lancaster. Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Bill, second reading.
Tuesday: Questions: health; PM. Finance Bill, second reading.
Wednesday: Scottish questions. Debate on housing.
Thursday: Questions: agriculture; PM. Debate on RAF.
Friday: Bank of England (Amendment) Bill, second reading. Merchant Shipping (Salvage and Pollution) Bill, second reading.

House of Lords

Monday: Social Security (Contributions) Bill, committee. Debate on administrative bodies.
Tuesday: Statutory Sick Pay Bill, committee.
Wednesday: Sale of Goods (Amendment) Bill, committee. Debate on arts funding.
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Dilemma for Britain and France as war traps troops between 'tragedy and disaster'

Hurd mission set to determine fate of UN Bosnia force

FROM TIM JUDAH IN ZAGREB AND ANTHONY LOYD IN VITEZ

BRITISH and other United Nations troops serving in Bosnia are "trapped", UN officials say, and the political price of withdrawing them outweighs that of renewing their mandate.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, begins a visit to Bosnia-Herzegovina today to find out at first hand whether Britain's troops should be brought home. Senior UN officials will tell him that a pullout would have implications far beyond Bosnia.

Britain and France have said that if there is no progress in the Bosnian peace talks they may withdraw their troops in spring. But the dilemma facing both countries has been best summed up by President Mitterrand. "To leave would be a tragedy but to withdraw would be a disaster."

The dilemma is made all the sharper because, after the failure of the latest round of talks in Geneva, UN officials say they expect an upsurge in fighting. The top echelons of the UN Protection Force are also in disarray with General Jean Cot, its overall commander-in-chief, being effectively dismissed, and General Francis Briquemont, its Bosnia commander, leaving his post early.

Britain and France provide the backbone of the UN military operation which protects aid convoys in dangerous parts of Bosnia. UN officials say that if both pulled out, many of the aid routes, especially in central Bosnia, would become too dangerous to use. Mr Hurd will have to consider that the ensuing mass starvation will come as an embarrassment as it begins to be shown on television.



Mitterrand: appreciates risks of withdrawal

Mr Hurd, following the main supply route through the British bases at Tomislavgrad, Gornji Vakuf and finally Vitez, the location of the First Battalion Coldstream Guards, will speak with officers from the battalion group before moving on to the UN headquarters for Bosnia in Kiseljak tomorrow.

While he crosses the shattered ethnic fault-lines that delineate Croat from Muslim in central Bosnia, he will be considering the future of the British troops in their present role amid growing speculation as to the possibility of their withdrawal. As the aid effort sinks beneath a miasma of violence, obstruction, and the volume of demand, the inadequacy of the UN's mandate in achieving its task becomes ever more apparent.



President Tudjman of Croatia defending his pact with the Serbs, which Muslims say will carve up Bosnia between them

Last night Muslim leaders accused between President Tudjman of Croatia and President Milosevic of Serbia, who have agreed to start normalising relations, of concentrating on partitioning Bosnia as they agreed in 1991 in Karadjordjevo. Many Balkan analysts believe Mr Milosevic and Mr Tudjman decided at the Karadjordjevo meeting to share out Bosnia as the old Yugoslav federation began to crumble. Both men have denied it.

UN officials say that Mr Hurd will also have to take into account the Islamic factor. If British and French troops leave, probably to be followed by other Western contingents, who would replace them? Only Muslim countries, including Iran, are offering troops and this offer has already been resisted. Relations with the Islamic world would plummet if the Bosnian Muslims starve to death while Western countries prevent their co-religionists from making proper efforts to help them.

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UK will tell allies before leaving

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN ANKARA

BRITAIN, Turkey and Germany expressed deep pessimism yesterday about the prospects for peace in Bosnia in the wake of the breakdown of the Geneva talks.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, told his German and Turkish colleagues in an unusual trilateral conference of foreign ministers that Britain was seriously considering the withdrawal from Bosnia-Herzegovina of the British troops serving with United Nations forces. He assured them, however, that there would be no withdrawal without consulting other allied forces in the area.

Mr Hurd arrives in Bosnia today to witness the military situation and assess the difficulties impeding the relief convoys carrying food and aid to the besieged communities.

Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, and Hikmet Cetin, from Turkey, expressed understanding of Britain's concern. Mr Cetin made no attempt to lobby on behalf of the Muslims, although he has just come back from a summit of Islamic foreign ministers at which they expressed dismay at the recently adopted Nato position on Bosnia.

Herr Kinkel said Germany would do what it could to influence Zagreb and urge compromise on the Croats. However, all three ministers are worried that some or all of the warring factions still believe they can gain more from fighting than from negotiating.

Mr Hurd and Herr Kinkel were so pleased with their innovative trilateral meeting with Mr Cetin that they intend to make similar joint approaches to other countries.



Weary doctor despairs of curing incorrigible patients

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

■ The Belgrade-Zagreb pact has caught Bosnia's Muslim government unaware and left hopes for peace in a comatose state. A surge in fighting looms

LORD Owen was rheumy-eyed with tiredness when two long and gruelling days of so-called peace talks ended in stalemate in Geneva this week. He also displayed the exasperation of a doctor trying to treat a heart patient who persists in smoking 60 a day.

"We don't want to hide in any way the seriousness of the situation," he said. "We can't seem to break the deadlock."

Lord Owen has seen one peace plan die: the Vance-Owen option to form ten semi-autonomous provinces. Now its successor, the European Union scheme to divide Bosnia-Herzegovina into Serb, Croat and Muslim mini-states, lies comatose after being mauled and picked over by the warring factions since last summer.

It was the Serbs and Croats who pulled the rug from under the Vance-Owen plan when they felt they had effectively gained as much territory as they could reasonably hope for. Early last summer they made it clear they were ready to talk seriously, perhaps for the first time, and that they wanted to divide the republic along ethnic lines.

What they did not bargain for was a surge in military might by the Muslim-led government troops, which scuppered hopes for a quick deal on drawing up a map of the mini-states. The Muslims, buoyed by success on the ground, felt able to stand out for "quality" as well as the agreed 33.3 per cent in quantity of territory, including easy access to the sea and some of the more profitable towns and resources.

When it apparently became clear to everyone that the Muslims were in no mood to settle this week, Serbia and Croatia again seized the initiative and joined ranks to proclaim their own deal to begin normalising relations. Bosnia's own Serb and Croat communities followed suit with a similar agreement within hours. "What they do with the relationship is something none of us can tell," Lord Owen said gloomily when the Geneva talks ended.

The accords raise the spectre of a new military alliance against the Muslims. This increases pressure on the Muslims to give way on at least some of their territorial demands, or face annihilation in fighting a full-blown campaign on two fronts again.

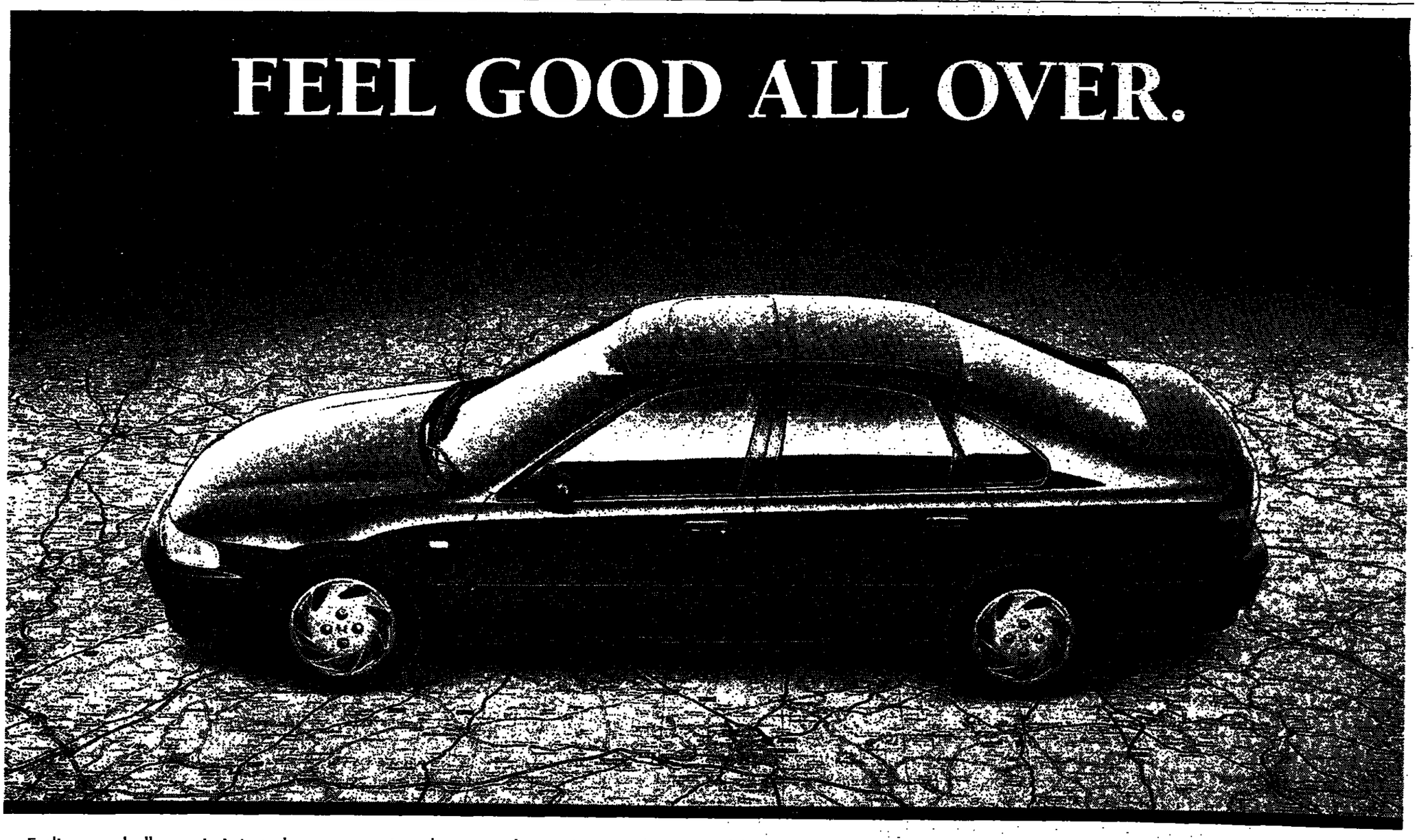
The Serb-Croat deal clearly caught the Muslims unaware. They believed they were on the brink of a peace deal with the Croats, after a series of talks in Vienna, Ankara and Bonn; but the wily Croat leader, President Tudjman, must have been talking to Belgrade all along. The big danger is that if Belgrade and Zagreb can crush the Muslims, they may go to war against one another again in a scramble for the spoils.

The new Serb-Croat agreement is important for both countries and therefore has a reasonable chance of developing. Croatia's economy has been battered by the fighting and it desperately wants to start earning foreign currency from tourists again as soon as possible. Mr Tudjman can also tell his own people that the deal sets the basis for eventual recognition by Serbia that the Serb-held Krajina region belongs to Croatia. In Belgrade, President Milosevic can proclaim the beginning of the end of diplomatic isolation, and the hope of an end to United Nations sanctions.

A new round of talks begins in Geneva on February 10, but it is expected to be at a far lower diplomatic level. "The only difference between now and February 10 is that the situation will have got worse. I hope I am wrong," Lord Owen said.

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UK will tell allies before leaving

Patten takes on critics over how to handle China

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Hong Kong's Governor rejected calls for a conciliatory approach, insisting on Legislative Council elections despite high decibel protests from Peking

DIVISIONS deepened yesterday between Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, and John Major's former foreign affairs adviser over proposals for the colony's future.

Mr Patten dismissed fierce criticism of him by Sir Percy Cradock, who warned that it would be "indefensibly reckless" if the Government forced through reforms without the agreement of China. Sir Percy, a former ambassador to Peking, has been an outspoken critic of Mr Patten and his proposals for constitutional reform.

The Governor responded in forthright terms yesterday: "Should it not be possible to reach agreement with China on this issue, we will have to proceed with this legislation."

He also cast doubt on Sir Percy's contention that Britain and China had agreed, before Mr Patten became Governor, a way forward for Hong Kong after the colony is transferred to Chinese sovereignty in 1997. Mr Patten said that Sir Percy had not mentioned this agreement during two meetings before Mr Patten left for Hong Kong in 1992. Nor had he spelled out an alternative "that he actually thinks we should settle for".

In a clear condemnation of Sir Percy's demands that he should be more conciliatory towards China, Mr Patten added: "If you have never got a bottom line, if there is always a lower ground floor whenever people think you have got to the bottom of the lift shaft, then I don't think you get very good settlements out of negotiations."

Mr Patten was in combative mood as he faced lengthy questioning by the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee over Hong Kong's future. He said that if talks did not resume, he would disclose details of the background to negotiations, hinting that such action could damage China's reputation among the colony's six million residents. And he did little to try to heal the rift over electoral reform in Hong Kong, which led to a breakdown in negotiations last year.

"The response from Chinese officials has been at the higher range of the decibel count than we had anticipated," Mr Patten said. "I think it has been pretty irrational, I think it has been largely rhetorical and I think it has usually been devoid of argument."

Mr Patten warned China that the July deadline for agreement "is cutting things very fine indeed. We will have to move pretty sharpish."

He insisted that Britain would press for "credible and fair" elections to the Legislative Council. Democracy was an effective way of combating the "huge increase" in corruption in the colony. "A bad agreement, an agreement which did not guarantee credible elections, would be very bad for Hong Kong."

He showed no sign of bowing to pressure in Hong Kong for a referendum, which he said would be seen by China as the "ultimate of sins". He added: "I am not in the business of trying to tweak the Chinese tail."

Although he had the "fervent, sincere" hope that negotiations would resume, he said: "I think we had pretty well reached the end of the elastic." After 170 hours of negotiations the only point of agreement was that the voting age in Hong Kong should be 18. As that was the voting age in Britain and China, "it was not a very great step".

He said: "Consultations mean for Chinese officials that they should have a veto over anything we said about political development." However, he held out a glimmer of hope for the 52 widows and wives of British servicemen trying to obtain British passports, saying that he sympathised with their plight and would be discussing their cases with ministers this week.

□ **Peking:** China has agreed to allow American officials to inspect five prisons suspected of producing goods for export, Lloyd Bentsen, the American Treasury Secretary, said.

"Our governments have agreed on measures to ensure more effective prevention of the export of goods made with prison labor," Mr Bentsen said in a speech at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. China agreed in 1992 to keep prison factories from exporting to the United States, but refused most requests to visit prison factories. *(AP)*



Cradock: reckless to force through reform

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A WOMAN with a picture of the Rev Moon Ik Hwan, a prominent South Korean dissident who died this week, weeping during a memorial rally yesterday in Seoul. The Seoul government has refused to allow North Korean representatives to attend the funeral, saying it would not help relations. The clergyman, 76, was repeatedly jailed for opposing military rule and illegally visiting Pyongyang to discuss reunification. North Korea wrote to Lee Yung Duk, Seoul's Minister of the National Unification Board, expressing condolences over the cleric's death from a heart attack less than a year after he was released from four years in jail.

Pyongyang backtracks on nuclear inspection

FROM REUTER
IN VIENNA

NORTH Korea is seeking to impose unacceptable limits on international inspection of its seven declared nuclear sites, the International Atomic Energy Agency said yesterday.

Unless Pyongyang removes its conditions, the inspections will not take place, David Kyd, an agency official, said.

Failure to carry out satisfactory inspections would create a serious hitch in American diplomatic efforts to defuse a confrontation over suspicions that North Korea is secretly building atom bombs at two undeclared sites. "We told them that the agency will not send an inspection team unless there is full agreement on the measures which we have specified and which we judge necessary," Mr Kyd said.

Despite an undertaking to the United States to permit full inspections in line with agency standards, Mr Kyd said, North Korean representatives came to the headquarters of the world's nuclear watchdog in Vienna on Monday seeking to exclude "a significant number of measures". He added: "The agency on January 10 gave North Korea a detailed written list of the safeguard measures that we require at a forthcoming inspection so as to verify that no nuclear material has been diverted since the last inspections in 1993."

The agency also insisted on taking "measures that we need to allow future verification of non-diversion and thereby ensure continuity". A week later, however, the North Korean delegates returned with a highly conditional reply.

"While they conveyed from Pyongyang agreement with a number of the planned measures that we had included in our list, they indicated that a significant number would not be permitted," Mr Kyd said. "My understanding is that they felt they were not convinced of the necessity of some of the measures that we proposed ... and that we should slim down the list."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hosokawa's future on knife edge

Tokyo: The political future of Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese Prime Minister, balances on a knife edge today as parliament's upper house convenes for a final vote on bills designed to clean up the image of the corruption-prone political system (Joanna Pitman writes).

A committee vote on the reform bills in the upper house yesterday, which cleared the way for today's scheduled show of hands, was passed by an unexpectedly slim margin of two, setting the scene for a tumultuous showdown in the chamber today.

Plea for peace

Cairo: Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, and Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, will discuss the "land for peace" agreement when they go to Oslo on Saturday for the funeral of Johan Jorgen Holst, Norway's Foreign Minister, who helped to engineer the deal. *(Reuter)*

Nazi sought

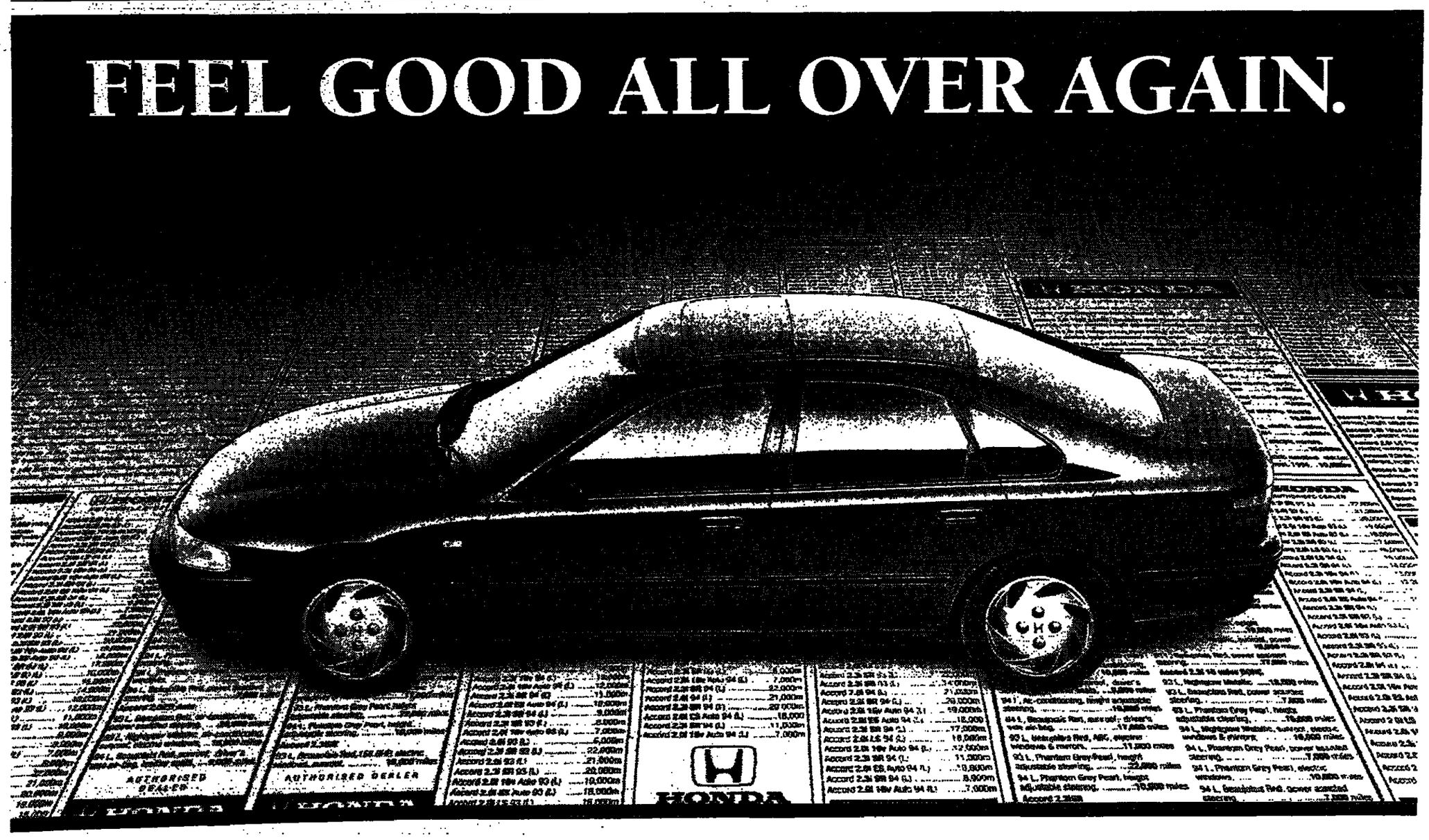
Vienna: Simon Wiesenthal, the veteran Nazi-hunter, called on Israel, the United States and Damascus to discuss the extradition from Syria of Alois Brunner, 82, Adolf Eichmann's deputy. Syria has denied any knowledge of Brunner. *(Reuter)*

Gandhi trial

Madras: The trial of 26 people over the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, the former Indian Prime Minister, by a suicide bomber in May 1991, has opened here. The trial is expected to last a year, with more than 1,000 witnesses due to be called.

Drugs seized

Toulouse: French customs seized 1.2 tonnes of Colombian cocaine destined for Italy, worth about £114 million, and held three Italians in raids in southern France, a spokesman said. He added it was the country's biggest cocaine haul. *(Reuter)*



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Fyodorov refuses to join Cabinet of go-slow reformers

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ The efficacy and speed with which Mr Chernomyrdin pushed through his desired candidates suggests that he enjoys an influence rivalling that of President Yeltsin

VIKTOR Chernomyrdin, Russia's Prime Minister, unveiled his Cabinet yesterday with a pledge to bury "market romanticism". Immediately Boris Fyodorov, who received an offer to stay on as Finance Minister, declined, saying that he had no inclination to stay in such a government after being stripped of his other role of Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr Chernomyrdin, who has presided over the deepest Cabinet shake-up since President Yeltsin came to power, promised to continue economic reforms despite the appointment of a predominantly conservative government. The new government shows a clear swing towards proponents of slower and more limited restructuring. The efficacy with which Mr Chernomyrdin has pushed through his desired candidates after four days of talks with Mr Yeltsin indicates that he enjoys a degree of influence over key political decisions rivalling, if not exceeding, those of the Russian leader himself.

Radical reformers have lost three key posts with Yegor Gaidar, who spearheaded the radical reforms replaced by a more cautious Aleksandr Shokhin. Mr Fyodorov's demand that Viktor Gerashchenko, the Central Bank chairman, be dismissed was also rejected.

Only one outright radical, Anatoli Chubais, the privatisation chief, remains in a government made up overwhelmingly of go-slow reformers. The extent to which conservatives, championed by Mr Chernomyrdin, have sidelined liberal figures was reinforced publicly when the Prime Minister emphasised his indifference to Mr Fyodorov's fate, saying: "He has been offered the Finance Ministry. Time will show how it goes."

A confident Mr Chernomyrdin vowed that he would not allow the "fetish of productionism", the old-style Soviet emphasis on output rather than profitability, to dominate policy but said that there would be a departure from monetarist methods relied on by Mr Gaidar and his team in the fight against inflation and supported by the West. "We will rely on the non-monetarist methods most widely tested abroad," he said, but gave no details.

Mr Shokhin's plans as economic chief are equally vague. A member of the moderate Unity and Accord who has been responsible for negotiating Russia's debt with the West, he is regarded as something of an opportunist in the reform debate. Together with Sergei Shakhrai, his party colleague who remains in charge of the tough portfolio of ethnic affairs, and Andrei Kozyrev, who stays on as



Fyodorov: rejected offer of ministerial post

Foreign Minister, he is a "liberal of the early hours" who broke with the radicals in the run-up to the December election and is likely to favour increased protectionism and more financial support for industry.

Russia's liberal politicians, bruised by their removal from the seats of power and what they regard as a treacherous desertion by Mr Yeltsin, are involved in a round of mutual recriminations about the handling of the unexpected upheavals which took place last week. The disarray appeared to have spread yesterday into the presidential camp itself with Mikhail Polteranin, one of Mr Yeltsin's former aides, accusing him of yielding ground to Mr Chernomyrdin and adding: "If the President continues his policy of concessions, he will very soon find that he is not the only one under water. Hyper-inflation will set in and by spring a national strike might be possible."

Sergei Filatov, head of the presidential administration, admitted that the reshuffle was likely to herald "a very tough crisis". Mr Shakhrai has criticised Mr Gaidar for quitting the Cabinet, saying: "His departure was a dishonest step. He took the easy path of playing the offended individual."

The rouble, which lost more than one-fifth of its value since the beginning of the year, crept back slightly against the dollar as the Cabinet announcement ended weeks of insecurity.

But as Russians, alarmed by the apparent change of course, rushed to buy dollars, street kiosks continued to increase the rate.

□ **Brussels:** One of Moscow's richest young tycoons took a chartered jet here yesterday to deny Moscow press reports that he financed the election campaign which launched Russia's ultra-nationalist, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, or that his finance company is breaking Dutch banking laws (George Brock writes). Anton Nenakov, 28, a Moscow newspaper alleged, was Mr Zhirinovsky's backer, to the tune of $800,000.

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John Lennon's son, Sean, left, with Yoko Ono and Paul McCartney at a New York ceremony to induct the murdered Beatle into the Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame yesterday. The group's surviving members plan to play together again

Beatles give peace a chance to prevail over squabbles of past

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AFTER years of speculation, Paul McCartney has confirmed that the three surviving Beatles will soon play together for the first time since the bitter split of the "Fab Four" more than 20 years ago.

Making a surprise appearance at a ceremony to induct the late John Lennon into the Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame, McCartney said he would head back to the studio with George Harrison and Ringo Starr to record new music for a television documentary. The ceremony also marked an end to one of music's most celebrated feuds. McCartney hugged and kissed Yoko Ono, Lennon's widow, who was blamed by some fans for the group's breakup.

McCartney said: "We know we can't do anything better than the Beatles, but for old times' sake we thought it would be nice to give it a whirl." The *New Yorker* magazine reported this week that the three former Beatles had set a date next month to start recording new compositions to accompany a forthcoming video history of the group. The trio, now aged in their fifties, plan to work with George Martin, their longtime producer, who is also supervising the release of between four and six compact discs of previously unreleased music from the group's heyday.

The Beatles disbanded in 1970 amid acrimonious legal battles. Lennon, who co-wrote the group's hits with McCartney, was murdered by a deranged fan outside his New York home in December 1980.

Mr Martin says that Harrison and McCartney are still rivals, but now "get on fine together", and that Starr is "everybody's pal". The most nettlesome relationship had been between McCartney and Ms Ono.

At the ceremony, McCartney was unstinting in his praise for Lennon. "He was one serious dude," he said. "Even though we were bitching and going through problems, I loved the guy."

He recalled how the two of them headed for Spain with money Lennon was given for his 21st birthday. They got as far as Paris, where they got a haircut. "It ended up being the Beatle haircut," he said.

After their public reconciliation, which reduced some in the audience to tears, Ms Ono commented on the plan for a Beatles reunion by paraphrasing the title of one of Lennon's most successful solo songs and urging fans: "Give the three of them a chance."

Rod Stewart was also inducted into the Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame on Wednesday night, along with Bob Marley, Elton John and The Animals.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Deputies condemn Kravchuk arms deal

Moscow: President Kravchuk was fiercely criticised by Ukrainian deputies yesterday at the opening of the new parliamentary session in Kiev for signing a deal sacrificing Ukraine's nuclear weapons (Anatol Lieven writes).

Despite calls from the radical opposition, however, parliament made no move to impeach the President. Some deputies called for a referendum on the abandonment of the nuclear missiles. Mr Kravchuk signed the weapons deal at the US-Russian summit in Moscow last week in return for $1 billion (£670 million) in American aid.

Radical deputies also accused Mr Kravchuk of weakness in allowing presidential elections to go ahead in Ukraine's Russian-dominated Crimean autonomous republic. The first round, last Sunday, led to the election of Mr Yuri Meshkov, who promised voters that he would take the peninsula out of Ukraine.

Tank appeal

London: Belorussia has appealed to Britain for funds and technical assistance to help it to dispose of 2,000 tanks earmarked for destruction under the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty. The former Soviet republic says it has run out of resources.

Porn move

Stockholm: The Swedish government is considering constitutional changes to criminalise possession of child pornography. The country is thought to have become an international centre for producing and distributing such material.

Support grows

Helsinki: Support in the Nordic countries for joining the European Union has grown. A survey in Finland's *Helsingin Sanomat* indicated a sharp fall in the Finnish "no" vote. Opinion polls in Sweden and Norway this week showed similar trends.

Andorra choice

Andorra la Vella: Oscar Ribas Reig, 57, a lawyer, has been elected head of the first sovereign government of the Pyrenean principality of Andorra since a new constitution was adopted last March. It is his fourth term as prime minister. *(AFP)*

Waldheim file

Washington: The United States may soon release parts of a secret file on the alleged Nazi past of Kurt Waldheim, the former Austrian President, that led to his being barred from entering the United States, according to Administration sources. *(Reuter)*

Pure gold

Hong Kong: The Union Bank of Switzerland unveiled what it said was the world's first forgery- and counterfeit-proof gold ingot, the UBS "kinebar". The ingot is stamped with a "kinegram", computer-generated etchings that produce a hologram. *(Reuter)*

French racing fans lament the loss of Chantilly grace

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE'S racing fraternity and nostalgists yesterday lamented the imminent closure of Maisons-Lafitte and Chantilly, the oldest and grandest of Paris tracks, as a measure to save a flagging sport.

The newly-created racing authority, run by a senior civil servant, voted on Wednesday to shut Maisons-Lafitte, a course opened by the brother of Louis XIV two years before the revolution, removing the only other straight in the world as long as Newmarket.

Even greater anguish has been caused by the decision, suspended for a week but likely to be confirmed, to abandon Chantilly, home of the *Prix du Jockey Club*, the French Derby, and to the *Prix Diane*, another classic. The Renaissance château and green lawns of Chantilly, 25 miles north of Paris, have been the epitome of racing elegance since the 1830s when Lord Seymour, an English dandy, taught French anglophiles the art of thoroughbred racing.

"It's a tragedy," said Yves Saint-Martin, the most celebrated post-war jockey. "Chantilly is the jewel of French race courses, the world's most beautiful site." One emotional Chantilly official said "they might as well demolish the Eiffel Tower".

The *Quotidien de Paris* said Chantilly offered a far more magical fantasy than the near-by Euro Disney.

Sound economic reasons dictated the closures. Chantilly holds only six events a year and its Victorian grandstands are said to be dangerous. Maisons-Lafitte, which has 33 meetings, is notorious for its boggy conditions.

The racing authority agreed to cut costs in return for a multi-million franc government subsidy. The cuts will ensure the survival of the seven other tracks in the Paris area.

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Lagerfeld apologises for dress

BY CHARLES BREMNER

THE Chanel fashion house yesterday scrapped an haute couture design and scrambled to apologise to the world's Muslims after an Arabic inscription on the bodice of a dress worn by model Claudia Schiffer turned out to be a line from the Koran.

Karl Lagerfeld, the Chanel designer, said he was extremely upset by the revelation and had intended no offence. "I was told it was a love poem to the memory of a princess and the embroiderer did not know it was a verse from the Koran either," he said.

The provenance was identified by an outraged customer at a show in Paris last Saturday. Yesterday, the Indonesian Muslim Scholars Council (MUI) called the dress an insult to all Muslims and said it was protesting to the German government. Both Lagerfeld and Schiffer are German. The council called on Indonesian Muslims to boycott products by the Chanel designer and to prevent them from entering the country.

Chanel said it would make "honourable amends" and withdrew the dress from sale.

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ANC spending plans scare wealth out of South Africa

The accelerating flight of capital could prove more destructive to the economy than ongoing township violence, R. W. Johnson writes

THE announcement of the African National Congress's economic plans for South Africa has created a crucial test for national and international business, on whose confidence much of the country's future depends.

The movement has promised government spending increases on housing (more than a million new homes to be built), services (clean water and sanitation for all), electricity for 2.5 million new houses, ten years of universal free education, free or affordable health care for all, and even affordable telephones. All this to be achieved with no extra borrowing or tax increases, indeed with tax cuts in some areas.

Everyone would like to believe that this is possible, but the talk of "some coercion" of pension and insurance funds, together with the proposal for a swingeing wealth tax, will almost certainly accelerate the already dramatic flight of capital from South Africa. This loss of money could prove more destructive to the economy than ongoing township violence.

The recently negotiated International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan of $850 million (£570 million) provides a classic example of how things currently work. Although the loan was a "soft" one for drought relief with minimal strings attached, the IMF did require a statement about what present and future intentions were in such tricky areas as wage restraint. The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) hit the roof at this phrase, making it impossible for the ANC to agree to say anything on the subject. The ensuing letter of intent was correspondingly vacuous, and was flatly rejected by the IMF, causing some consternation, for the severe drought of 1992-93 had depleted the country's foreign-exchange reserves. A new letter was quietly dispatched as the first act of the new Transitional Executive Council (TEC) with its contents kept firmly secret.

The real shock came when the January figures for the reserves were released, showing that the loan had already in effect been used to finance further capital flight, as better-off whites, Indians, and a few blacks found ingenious ways to smuggle money out to illegally bypass the strict exchange control regulations. The $850 million had merely made a brief stop-over in Johannesburg on its way to private accounts in Zurich, London and elsewhere. It is estimated that about £11 billion has been moved out of the country in this fashion since 1985.

The result is that, despite the IMF loan, the country has barely sufficient foreign exchange to cover one month's imports. South



ELECTION COUNTDOWN

Africa runs an impressive trade surplus, and has relatively small foreign debts, but in 1993 the export of capital was equal to almost twice the trade surplus. While flight on this scale continues, foreign loans can only prop up the rand to help the wealthier South Africans get their money out at a more favourable exchange rate.

The means to effect this are various — from the export of antiques to false invoicing, smuggling gold and diamonds, black-market currency deals. Some even employ students to travel to London with their full foreign exchange allowance, deposit it in a bank, and fly back. Most middle-class whites and Indians hold foreign accounts, which is illegal unless declared to the authorities, like owning property abroad. Some government ministers are believed to be the main offenders, and it is hardly a secret that several leading white Communists still own homes in London.

The ANC seems to have little idea that its proposals are helping to accelerate the outward capital flow, thus undermining the hopes of economic growth on which all its promises depend. With the most recent policy statement brandishing the capitalist's greatest bugbear, nationalisation, there is little to prevent a virtual Niagara Falls of capital flowing out of the country in the run-up to the election on April 27. Although exchange control law-breakers are caught occasionally, the present government has proved incapable of stopping the outflow.

The ANC is thus caught in a classic banker's squeeze, but with the crucial difference that its lack of economic expertise means that it has not grasped what is going on. Businessmen who imagine the ANC's reaction after the election when it finds the cupboard bare, fear that the movement's most punitive instincts will be reinforced. That vision presents another powerful reason for smuggling money out now.

Despair vies with resolve as quake city counts cost

■ Damage wrought in seconds will take years to rectify. Despite promises of federal aid, Angelenos know that much of the burden will fall on the state of California

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN LOS ANGELES

THE panic, adrenalin and tremors are slowly subsiding as Los Angeles faces the grim and daunting task of piecing together this fractured city after the most destructive earthquake in its history.

The sheer scale of that task is only now beginning to emerge. Estimates of the cost of repairing the damage range from $15 to $30 billion (£10 billion and £20 billion). The death toll has climbed to 47 and tens of thousands of homes remained without running water or electricity yesterday.

Monday's earthquake lasted just a few seconds. Undoing the damage it caused will take years, as President Clinton acknowledged during his four-hour visit to the region on Wednesday. "This is something we intend to stay with until the job is over," he said.

A posse of 500 building inspectors has fanned out through the city to determine how many of the 3,000 commercial and residential properties severely damaged by the quake must be condemned. At least 18,000 people are still camping out in parks and shelters around the city.

Despite promises of federal aid and an immediate grant of $45 million to start rebuilding the shattered freeway system, most Angelenos are aware that much of the burden will fall on California, already beset with economic problems. The cost of rebuilding roads and public facilities alone is put at $500 million. President Clinton said he was considering asking the Federal Emergency Management Agency to carry 90 per cent of that sum. He also promised to ask Congress for emergency funds during next week's State of the Union speech.

Federal officials have pledged about $100 million for emergency housing and the city has sent teams to the informal refugee camps to encourage anxious citizens to return to their home if they are safe; or if not, to apply for housing. "A crack in the wall doesn't mean you can't go home," Willie Williams, the police chief, said.

The earthquake has furnished nothing but tension and expense and misery for most, but a few greeted the disaster as an opportunity for profit. A hotline has been opened for information on profiteering which is illegal under local law. Within a few hours more than 200 calls were received complaining variously of pizzas costing up to $65 and a gallon of milk sold for up to $5.

Other citizens who are not entirely displeased by the effect of the earthquake include schoolchildren, 600,000 of whom have been on an impromptu, indefinite holiday since Monday. Damaged schools are expected to cost up to $700 million to repair, a sum that would bankrupt the budget ten times over, as one district official said.

Although the crime rate has dropped by 60 per cent since the earthquake, with only sporadic cases of looting, in other ways the city may be returning to its old habits. In Pacoima, the police stepped up patrols because gang members were threatening to attack families camping in a local park, the gang's traditional meeting-place.

Tales of individual misfortune continue to unfold as police and city officials go from house to house. The bodies of Robert Pauline and his wife, Judith, avid and eccentric collectors of books, models and other souvenirs, were found on Wednesday in their Van Nuys home. Their house was intact, but the couple were found crushed to death under an enormous pile of possessions.

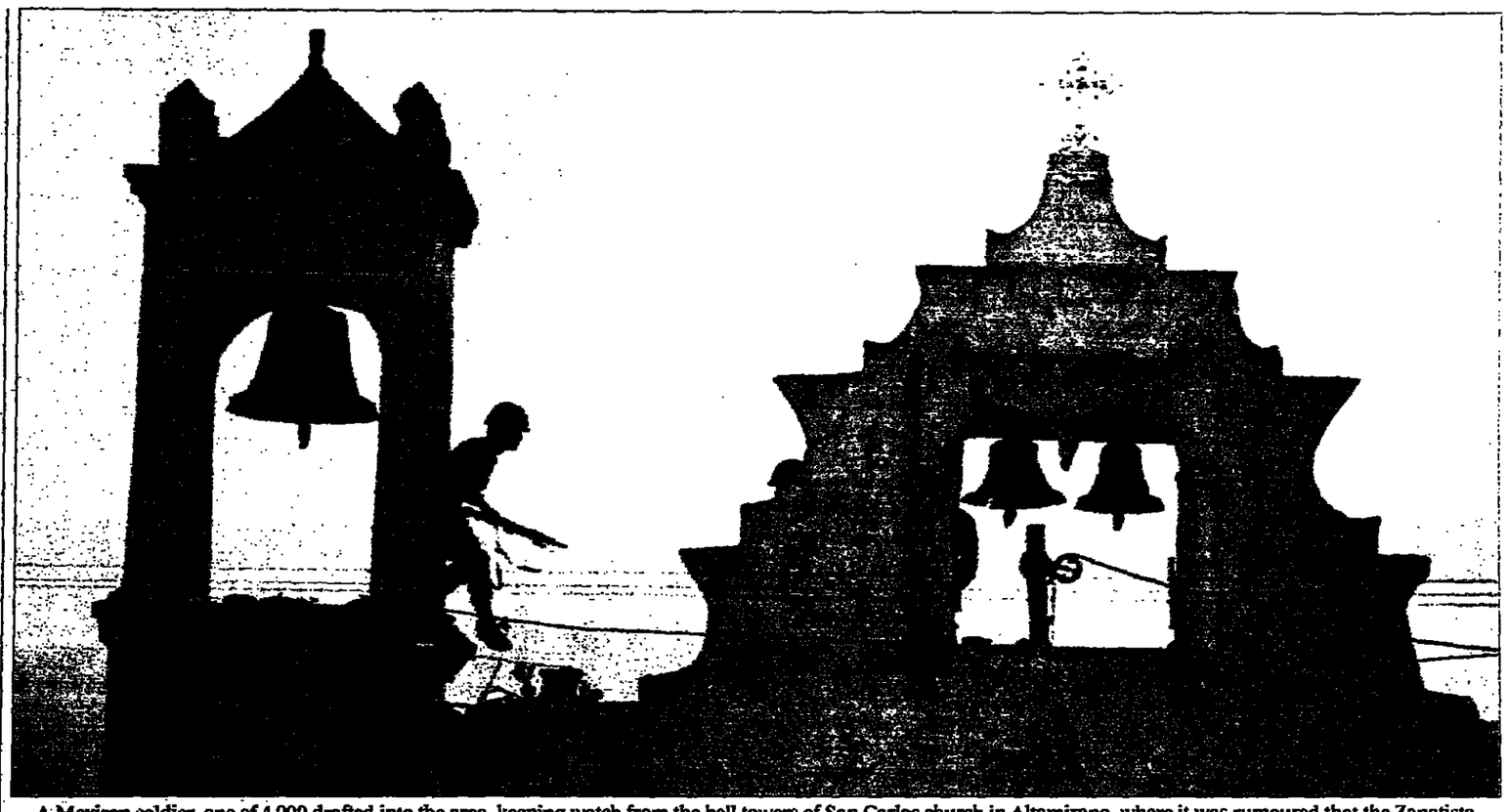
The fear and excitement of the first few hours of the disaster may have given way to depression and despair in some quarters, renewed determination in others. However, the seismic shift below continues irrespective of the devastation above.

As if to prove the fact, President Clinton's arrival was greeted by at least two aftershocks registering more than five on the Richter scale. They caused earthslides and further damage in some parts of the city.

Federal officials may come and go, but in Los Angeles the anxiety is here to say.

☐ **Taipei:** A strong earthquake, measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale, rocked northern Taiwan yesterday, shaking buildings in Taipei and other cities. No damage or injuries were reported, officials said. *(Reuter)*

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A Mexican soldier, one of 4,000 drafted into the area, keeping watch from the bell towers of San Carlos church in Altamirano, where it was rumoured that the Zapatista National Liberation Army was preparing for a shootout with the army. The rebels are fighting for the right of Indian peasants to own land and improve living conditions

Post service comes unstuck in $1m blunder over stamp

FROM SARAH HARTLEY IN WASHINGTON

ONE million dollars worth of stamps will have to be scrapped after the US Postal Service printed the wrong portrait of Bill Pickett, one of the first black cowboys of the American West, on a new issue. This is the first blunder of its kind in 147 years of stamp production and dampens the success and $30 million (£20 million) profits from last year's Elvis Presley stamps. The cost of reprinting the sheets of 20 different stamps is more than $1.2 million in a year that is expected to be a "major blockbuster", filled with famous faces, political correctness and featuring 13 blacks, in acknowledgment of the "African American experience". Frank Phillips, great grandson of Bill Pickett, is furious about the mistake and is calling for an accurate portrait on the Legends of the West series.

"This is a terrible thing," he said after taking his complaint to US Postal Service headquarters in Washington. "I told them once and for all we'd like a correction." The artist of the stamp used various sources for the painting and is stunned by the family's outcry, but Bill Pickett's relatives reckon Mark Hess mistook pictures of Ben Pickett for his brother Bill.

Bill Pickett was the son of former slaves and was nicknamed "Bulldogger" for his notorious rodeo technique of biting into the lower lip of steers and rendering them into submission. He is pictured among such American pioneers and trailblazers as Buffalo Bill and Kit Carson. Chief Joseph and Geronimo are also heroes, as is the gun-toting Annie Oakley, who looks quite demure despite the rifle at her side.

The series includes eight portraits of jazz and blues singers, such as Billie Holiday, Ma "Mother of the Blues" Rainey and Muddy Waters. Song and dance man Al Jolson grins alongside Nat King Cole and Ethel Merman in the popular singer section. The Chinese are represented with a happy new year stamp, in their native language, for this Year of the Dog.



Part of the ill-fated Legends of the West stamp series, with the wrong Bill Pickett portrait at bottom right

Republican lawyer to investigate Clintons

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

JANET Reno, the US Attorney-General, named a former Republican attorney yesterday as the special counsel into the Whitewater affair. She promised a "ruggedly independent" investigation of the complex web of events surrounding the collapse of an Arkansas savings bank and the property deals of President Clinton.

Her choice of special counsel is Robert Fiske, a 63-year-old New York lawyer, who promised an impartial investigation of Mr Clinton's financial dealings. Mr Fiske will set up an office in Little Rock, Arkansas, which he described yesterday as "the centre of gravity" in the affair. From there he will direct a large team of lawyers and investigators, acting independently from the Department of Justice.

The appointment of the special prosecutor comes after a change of mind by the President and his White House advisers, who for many weeks had resisted calls from Republicans for a special counsel. Speaking at a news conference in Washington yesterday, Miss Reno said she had not informed the President of her choice.

Mr Fiske, standing next to Miss Reno, promised "a complete, thorough and impartial investigation" to determine "whether any individual or entity have commined a violation of any criminal law". He said he expected his investigation to touch on a wide range of issues, thought to be connected to the Whitewater affair, including the circumstances surrounding the suicide of Vincent Foster, a former White House deputy counsel and law firm partner of Hillary Clinton.

The investigation will also focus on the events leading to the bankruptcy in 1989 of Madison Guaranty, an Arkansas savings and loan company, which was headed by James McDougal, a former business partner of Mr Clinton. Mr Fiske said he expects to question the President and Mrs Clinton under oath. He declined to say how long he thought the investigation would take.

Nunn declined defence post

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE White House quietly offered Sam Nunn the job of Defence Secretary last week, after learning that Bobby Ray Inman intended to withdraw his nomination, sources confirmed yesterday. However, the notoriously prickly chairman of the Senate armed services committee declined the post.

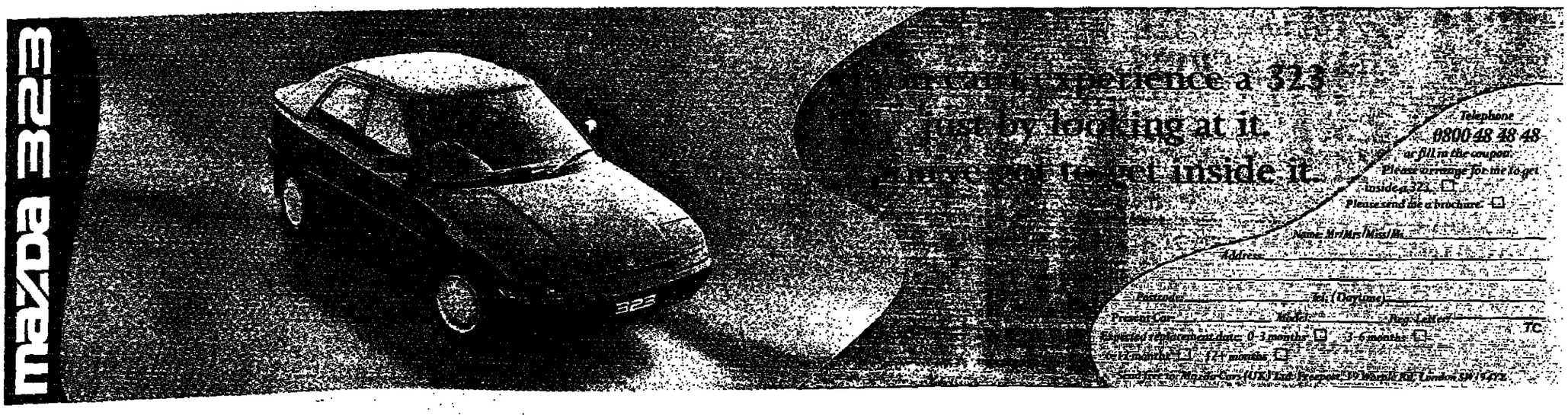
The offer to Mr Nunn demonstrates just how desperate President Clinton is to find a successor to Les Aspin who can restore the confidence of both Congress and the Pentagon in the Administration's handling of military and foreign affairs.

The Georgia Democrat is his party's leading defence expert. He has sternly criticised Mr Clinton's proposed defence cuts and resisted his attempt to allow homosexuals in the military. In a speech in Atlanta on Wednesday Mr Nunn said he felt he could "do more for the country in the Senate".

Al Gore, the Vice-President, said yesterday that the White House was moving "as quickly as we possibly can" to find a new nominee. William Perry, 66, the Deputy Defence Secretary, has emerged as a leading consensus candidate.

The episode yesterday cast something of a cloud over the first anniversary of Mr Clinton's presidency. Opinion polls in *The New York Times* and *USA Today* showed him with approval ratings of 54 per cent. This is higher than Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter at the same stage, but far lower than other modern presidents.

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The doubt of the benefit

In the world of rent arrears and incompetent councils, a court may be your only friend

"It does leave a yawning gap between what's real and what's notional," the district judge was saying wearily. We were in Clerkenwell county court, but we might as well have been through the looking-glass. One department of Islington council was applying for possession orders to evict tenants who owed thousands of pounds in rent arrears because, when you boiled it down to its essentials, another department of the council had failed to cough up the housing benefit which, had it been paid on time and according to the tenants' entitlement, would have meant no arrears and no court action.

Young Mrs J was too bowed down with misery to take in her good fortune that Anthony Armon-Jones was sitting that day. He looked an unlikely saviour, this petulant, whey-faced figure in a wig who was bullying the council's legal officers and her housing estate manager. But he knew what he was doing. After dealing with thousands of these cases he had developed an instinct for which ones to wave through with a caustic comment ("So Miss X has been a tenant since November 1992, she's never paid you a penny rent, the arrears have reached £3,512 and you've only just started taking proceedings?") and which to dwell on, acting, in effect, as counsel for an unrepresented tenant as well as judge.

His probings revealed that Mrs J's husband had taken himself off, leaving her and their two small sons unsure when, if ever, they would see him again. She was on income support and therefore entitled to housing benefit, but something had gone wrong over the forms. Mrs M, living with her daughter, was also on income support: her housing benefit expired last June and again, something had gone wrong over the renewal form. "Just let us suppose there was a failure on the part of whoever was supposed to send that letter," said the judge.

"For someone who's unemployed suddenly to find she has arrears of £2,242 must be sufficient, I should think, for her to throw herself under a train . . . I'm sick to death of these mislaid applications for housing benefit . . . it does strike me that yet again the borough is falling down on its . . . um . . . customer care."



MARGOT NORMAN

The gap between what is real and what is notional in the world of housing benefit can be measured in multi-millions of pounds and fathoms of misery. The Government's review of housing regulations announced yesterday must, really must, focus on this and not allow itself to get carried away by the issue of pregnant teenagers. What is notional is that people on income support fill in a housing benefit form and within 14 days get the bulk of their rent paid, generally direct to the landlord although they can opt to receive it themselves, less any amount calculated as an appropriate means-tested contribution from any adults living with the applicant. Notionally, private landlords and housing associations get interim payments if the 14-day deadline cannot be met. That's what the law says, anyway.

What is real is that forms get lost, aren't filled in, or languish for months in some council's housing benefit office, where the high turnover of moronic and demoralised staff, and the inadequacy of the computer system, are notorious. Islington, I should stress, is regarded as one of the better councils in this respect. Woe betide the tenant of Lambeth or Newham or even Wandsworth, which keeps telling us how efficient it is. And woe betide the poor housing associations with thousands of tenants there: last June, two-thirds of the gross arrears on one housing association's property in Newham comprised unpaid housing benefit, and in Wandsworth the proportion was nearly half.

Huge sums are involved. Housing associations are becoming the main providers of social housing, so up to 80 per cent of their new tenants are on income support and therefore (notionally, of course) in receipt of housing benefit. The associations borrow private sector funds for building, they have to be business-like, and all this maladministration is causing a frightening cash-flow problem.

John Park, senior lecturer in housing at the University of Westminster and vice-chairman of the Family Housing Association, says his association, with 8,000 properties, is owed about £250,000. "Some boroughs are adequate, others are dreadful. If ministers would harry councils to stick to the 14-day rule as energetically as they did with the 28-day rule for the right to buy council houses, then we'd get somewhere."

The Audit Commission, the Housing Corporation and the local government ombudsman have been worrying away at this problem for some time, and hoping eventually to get enforceable, citizen's charter-style service agreements with local councils. Meanwhile, housing associations wonder if the only way is to take tenants to court, subpoena the housing benefits officer and hope for a clued-up judge who will flay him or her.

Mrs J kept her home and should now get her benefit, but what were the options for this beaten, defenceless woman and her little boys had she got a different judge? A six-month tenancy (too short for a repairs order, please note) in the worst sort of accommodation with the lowest sort of private landlord, and the heavy mob on the doorstep when her benefit doesn't come through? Or oblivion under a train?

When a child is judge

Children can have an unexpectedly realistic view of behaviour in the adult world. **Peter Lewis** listens to some of their clear-eyed verdicts

To get back to something really basic are today's children being given a fair chance to learn the difference between right and wrong? The Year of the Family has coincided with a public debate on the apparent decline in moral standards, in public as well as in private life. But a voice conspicuously absent from the debate is that of children, often the first victims of scandals and family break-ups. Even when the family is in the public eye, their reactions, understandably, go unreported.

Intriguing insights into the child's view of such traumas can, however, be gleaned from tonight's *Citizen 2000* on Channel 4. This year, the 20 children whose development is being charted annually by the programme to the year 2000 have turned 11. On the verge of adolescence, they have been examined on their ideas of right and wrong. Their reactions often allude to the confused example often given them by the adult world. "Why shouldn't we break the rules the whole time? Adults are always breaking them," demands one of the boys.

"Every single day, you hear about adults committing all sorts of crimes. Children are supposed to be naughty and adults are supposed to be good . . . But if you look at the world, adults do a lot more wrong than children. There's a lot they do wrong in *sex*."

The speaker here is Georgia, one of the children who during the year went through her parents' divorce. Articulate for her age, she shows remarkable insight into her upper middle-class parents' situation.

"Daddy's side of the family have always wanted someone young to have fun with. Mummy wasn't getting boring . . . but she didn't want to go out so much. Daddy couldn't handle that because he has an amazing amount of energy. I can see it's very hard for him not to have someone young. So I can forgive him."

According to her mother, Georgia "almost encouraged" the divorce, about which she had been reluctant. The remarkable Georgia, who seems to have been consulted almost as an equal throughout the break-up, says: "I have learnt so much and it almost felt to me — this sounds weird — that I was the mother and Mummy was the child."

By contrast, Matthew, child of two teachers in Liverpool, was dumbfounded when his father, to whom he is especially close, said he was planning to leave home. "Life was falling apart because we have been together since I was born," says Matthew. "Now we have only got three-quarters of a family."

His father says: "I told him, 'You're likely to be leaving in seven years to go to university. Would you rather I waited seven years to tell you these things?'"

Matthew comments: "I was worried about how he would cope on his own. Adults are so unpredictable. It's very strange and . . . sad."

These citizens-to-be impress with their ability to respond to distressing situations without themselves being predictable. They show more understanding than earlier generations of their age group would have been credited with, as shown by their reactions to the James Bulger murder.

Although horrified by the crime, the girls especially seem anxious to understand and to make allowances for the boys who did the killing. "Maybe they were ignored at home and wanted to harm someone else for the harm that they were being given . . . They enjoyed having so much power over a tiny, little boy and got carried away . . . I feel bad for the ones that did it."

According to Catherine Freeman, the series co-producer and originator, "these children, before they enter into the self-absorption of adolescence, seem to perceive the adult world with a clear eye. They are trying to understand it and at the same time are extraordinarily ready to forgive".

Matthew, whose father later came home, reflects that "I think he'll stay because he's learnt his lesson. He didn't like being away from us."

And Georgia, learning to be philosophical, concludes: "Parents have to teach their children right and wrong, then never do anything wrong themselves. It's too much . . . If they do something wrong, you have just got to learn from their mistakes."

● Citizen 2000: Family Values, *the first of three programmes, is broadcast on Channel 4 at 8pm.*

DOVE PRODUCTIONS



Georgia, whose parents divorced: "I almost felt that I was the mother and Mummy the child"

I'm not reading between the lines

Literary biographies only prejudice readers against the great works of great authors

I shall do a rustic dance this day, for there is something to celebrate. In solemn accord, that literary conclave whose hobby is writing and reviewing biographies of great authors has confirmed my view that Thomas Hardy was a pretty good sort.

"A far better man than we have thought," says his newest biographer, Martin Seymour-Smith, overturning the earlier received opinion that Hardy was an unsociable old git, nasty to his wives and probably impotent.

I never went along with this view, not because of any actual knowledge but because I never bothered to read the other biographies anyway. This is due to a long-standing vow to avoid knowing about the life of an author whose work has spoken seriously and directly to me in its own right. At university, I took this even further, and avoided most of the critics, too.

Luckily, my university had a maverick streak and it was actually possible to pass English finals with reasonably flying colours without bothering with a single word of Leavis, Carey, Hoggart, Derrida, or even Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch. My boycott was not absolute; Dr Johnson was always entertaining, and in idle moments there was pleasure to be had from the enthusings of John Jones and a few other moderns.

But we were allowed, if so inclined, to concentrate on the texts and use commentaries only for historical background or contemporary meanings of words. Odd, individual niggles needed solving: I once spent three days trying to find out whether Milton ever had a seaside holiday, or whether when he said Satan "sate like a cormorant" he was thinking of a picture in a bestiary.

I knew the old boy went blind, because of *On His Blindness*; his religious tendency was self-evident, and I did want to know about the seaside. But all the stuff about his being a lousy husband and father seemed irrelevant, next to the effect on me of *Areopagitica* and *Lycidas*.

Nor were Hermione's statue or Prospero's farewell spoiled by half-heard gossip about Shakespeare leaving his wife his second-best bed, or whether the Dark Lady was a bloke.

As far as I was concerned, Charlotte Brontë could have made a fool of herself over a hundred married Belgians and it would not have detracted one iota from her small, plain, grey, indomitable Jane.

In extraordinary innocence (I now realise) we were allowed to read the texts again and again, instead of recycling professional chatter about them. This is frightful heresy now. You are not supposed to pick up Fielding or Hardy or Jane Austen or even T. S. Eliot without knowing their correct label, political background, what their first readers ate for breakfast, and whether the authors were decent to their old grannies.

But for some reason we were allowed to pick up books of any age in the arrogant assumption that the authors might have something to say to us, right now.

The result is that I cannot remember anything at all about the 15th-century poet Henryson, but I know he wrote the one where the cheeky mouse makes his excuses to the outraged lion: *"By my sawll, we weined ye had bene deid — Elles wald we not have dancit over your heid"*.



LIBBY PURVES

For all I know, Henryson may have been a terrible old curmudgeon, and impotent to boot. Don't know, don't care, don't read literary biographies. Unless (by sneaky glances at the reviews) I get prior proof that they reveal nothing to spoil my pleasure.

Even if forced to read them, I do it with careful detachment, resolved that even if it turns out Daphne du Maurier seduced the whole of the Dagenham Girl Pipers, it shall not come between me and the Frenchman. The text comes first.

Indeed, yesterday I had a pang of probably unique sympathy with the Hackney teacher who banned her class from a trip to the ballet of *Romeo and Juliet* because it has sex, gang warfare and stabbing in it. She may be nuts, but at least she gains the distinction of being the first teacher to ban little boys from the ballet because it shows male stereotypes (so macho, up on their points, I always think).

Moreover, in "trying to prevent the children being fed a constant diet of gang fights and killing" she is, however perversely, taking Shakespeare more seriously than the whole of the Swan-of-Avon lobby put together. She is taking issue directly with the author, irrespective of his reputation: for *Romeo and Juliet* is about gang fights and killing. And *Macbeth* is about murder for gain, and there is more raw evil depicted in *Paradise Lost* than in any of *The Omen* films.

Back to the text, I say. And as for you, dear Thomas Hardy, I echo Marty South in *The Woodlanders* and say that "I never shall forget 'ee, my love, for you was a good man, and did good things". Or, which is more to the point, *wrote* good things.

When science tries to pontificate on love — you're probably best asking mother

Divorced from reality

Unique as your marital problems may seem to you, there is a man who thinks they could have been predicted. Armed with a battery of questionnaires and a mathematical model, the University of Central Lancashire plans to offer a "highly accurate" statistical assessment of any couple's chances of connubial contentment.

Dr Tuvia Melamed, of the university's psychology department, seems undaunted by the fact that marriage is the most private and inscrutable of relationships. The idiosyncratic — indeed positively perverse — nature of what makes two people go on putting up with each other may have taxed novelists and playwrights for centuries, but no doubt Dr Melamed could identify the flaw in their approach.

Where they went wrong was simply to observe and attempt to empathise with characters who devote themselves with self-deluding folly to a union that was doomed from the outset.

Where art has groped blindly, social science will proceed with hubristic directness. Dr Melamed plans to begin with a cohort of experimental subjects. He needs at least 300 engaged couples who will volunteer to be followed up. (Those interested in coming forward, may ring him at the university on 0772 893420.)

The first stage will involve filling in a lot of forms, beginning with the sort of personality test often used by personnel officers, which attempts to establish such traits as extroversion and introversion on the basis of subtle questions like: do you prefer to go to parties or stay at home and read?

Having settled the major questions of temperament, the research team will then get down to more specific business with the aid of things like the Relationship Closeness Inventory. This offers subjects a series of statements with which they must agree or disagree on a five point scale. They begin with, "My partner will influence my future financial security". Presumably anyone violently disagreeing with this is unfit for marriage on the grounds that he or she clearly has no idea what it involves.

Some other propositions on the list are, "My partner does not influence everyday things in my life" and "My partner does not influence my moods". Would people planning to marry be likely to agree with these? If so, why on earth are they contemplating marriage at all?

Moving from the flat-footedly banal to the deeply ambiguous, another of the tests which the prospective marriage partners will be given is called an Attachment Styles Scale. Subjects will be asked to respond on the usual five-point measure to statements like: "I am comfortable depending on others and having them depend on me." Bad luck if, like most thoughtful human beings, you are inclined to reply: "Well, it depends." There is no scope for variations (depend on whom? and for what?) or the reservations which are the stuff of real personal relations. We are talking hard science here.

> If engaged couples agree with some of these questions, then why are they planning to get married at all?

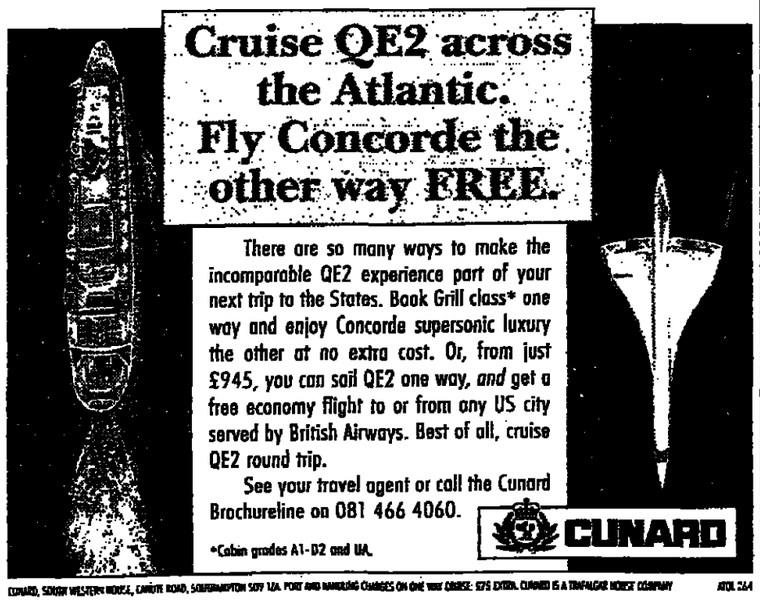
Another bewildering statement on the ASS to which one must react with arithmetical precision, is: my desire to get close to another person sometimes scares people away. Are you, one wonders, the best person to know the answer to this? Have you really scared people away with your intense desire to get close to them, or just bored them into a longing for escape with your endless wittering about emotional closeness? For that matter, do you really have a desire to get close to another person, or merely feel that you *ought* to have such a desire (under the influence of leading questions on silly forms)?

Which brings us to the central weakness in this whole enterprise: the matter of self-deception. May I offer my own completely unscientific finding: very few marriages break down because of personality faults of which the owners are fully aware. In fact those flaws to which the participants freely admit are usually those that are easiest to accept. "I know that I'm bloody inconsiderate"; "I'm hopelessly extravagant" and so on are the stuff of benign and mendable domestic disputes. It is the traits which the possessors do not acknowledge — usually because they cannot see them in themselves — which are the stuff of home-wrecking acrimony.

All happy families are alike but every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. So says Tolstoy at the opening of *Anna Karenina* — a novel which offers more insight into the way men and women treat each other than any document published by Relate.

But Dr Melamed sees nothing risible in the idea that the potential for a happy marriage may be quantifiable. What he is proposing is the kind of risk scale which insurance companies use in predicting how likely you are to have your car stolen: a simple computation of statistical likelihood. But he is confident that he will be able to produce an accurate diagnostic tool for "advising couples before they get married on what to look for in a partner". You'd probably be better off asking your mother.

JANET DALEY



The politician's wife who is coping with family trauma, a demanding career — and a wayward husband

Diane Yeo stands by her man



STEPHEN MARKESON

Diane Yeo has received "the most amazing hate mail . . . a number of people felt that I hadn't punished him sufficiently . . . some suggested that it would have been better if he had left us for Julia and the baby"

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



Observe Diane Yeo. She looks marvellous. A natural fine-boned beauty — half a stone finer than she used to be — with glossy hair and lively brown eyes, the picture of chic in a black suit, which she obligingly changed when the photographer told her red photographs better.

She has learnt, lately, how to deal with prurient lensmen. "I've found out that when a photographer smiles at you, he wants you to smile back." Otherwise they take a startled-rabbit shot and print a story to fit: eg, that she has "packed her bags and left home" when in fact she was simply delivering her daughter to college for the new term.

The past few weeks have been, she says, like watching a soap-opera "which is quite mesmerising, until you find it's about you. We've been quite shell-shocked. And it has been difficult to know how we're going to come through it, but we both have a strong sense that we can and we will."

If all marriages are unfathomable — nobody can possibly fathom it except the two people concerned — politicians' marriages are even more so. People might imagine that a minister's wife has little else to do but stand by her man when required. It could hardly be further from the actuality: Diane Yeo's entry in *Who's Who* is as long as her husband's, and when I saw her this week she was drafting an important speech to deliver to the Association of Medical Research Charities. Mrs Yeo has also been preoccupied with her son Jonathan's radiotherapy treatment: she has been accompanying him daily to Charing Cross Hospital, where she has spent much of the past seven months — just as she did five years ago, when her daughter Emily was being treated in the same hospital for a brain tumour.

Life has dealt Diane Yeo a series of blows few of us could cope with. "I'm told I'm a strong person," she says, "although I sometimes don't feel it."

Jonathan Yeo, who sits beside us, murmurs that his mother is "the strongest person in the family. She's sane, and able to keep her head when everyone else is losing theirs. Rudyard Kipling would say, she was a man, my friend."

"Norman the doorman once called me 'a real gent'," she laughs. Norman the doorman of their Pimlico apartment block has become adept at fending off reptiles who still lurk outside.

"One of the frightening things about this whole episode", Diane Yeo says, "is the lack of *compassion* around — both from the constituency and from the people who have written to me. I have had the most amazing hate mail."

Why should people write hate mail to Mrs Yeo, whose price, as the Bible would say, is far above rubies?

"I think there is great confusion. Morally I think we *are* in a maze, and everyone has *different codes that they live by*. I've had the clear impression from a number of people that Tim would have been criticised much less if I *hadn't* stood by him. They felt that I hadn't punished him sufficiently. That is part of the moral confusion. Some people have suggested that it would have been better if he had left us for Julia and the baby, that that would have been more socially acceptable today."

Mr Yeo told his wife last February about Julia Stent's pregnancy. "Tim just came to me, having made a terrible mess of things. We were aware that it was absolutely devastating, and we just had to find a way through it. We didn't tell the children all the details at first, because of their fragile states of health."

In May, Jonathan's cancer of the lymphatic system (Hodgkin's disease) was diagnosed, days before he took his university finals. Since then he has launched himself as a painter. "It's been a roller-coaster of a year," Jonathan says. His portrait of Trevor Huddleston at 80 became the Anti-Apartheid Movement's Christmas card, and pictures by him fill the walls of the Yeos' small modern flat.

Diane Pickard was the eldest of four children of a surgeon at St George's Hospital. Her mother taught fashion at Kidbrooke, the first comprehensive in London. Diane wanted to study either music or painting, which were not considered serious enough options. So she took herself rebelliously off to Paris and enrolled at the Institut Français de Presse, studying journalism and public relations — ironic, considering her current understandable aversion to newspapers.

When she met her husband at a dinner party in 1969 he was in the City; she was working at the BBC, producing *The Critics* and music programmes on Radio 3. She left the BBC after their son was born because shift-work did not fit in with family life. "So I opened *The Times* and answered an advertisement for an educational charity," she says, "and have stayed with charities from that day."

Five years ago she was appointed one of the first two independent Charity Commissioners: potential employers may note that she will be available for another job when her tenure comes to its official end next week. So it is a crossroads for both her and her husband, since he is now back on the back benches, whither he had departed half an hour before I arrived.

"I do feel sorry for Tim, who admittedly has made a mess of his personal life, but he's been pilloried in a way that I think is terribly unfair," she says. "He's just a rather decent person trying to sort things out as honestly as he can.

"All those stories about him 'running away' to the Seychelles — that was a holiday we had booked months ago to coincide with the end of Jonathan's chemotherapy."

As soon as they arrived in their Seychelles hotel, the Yeo family were handed a fax full of details about themselves, addressed to an *Express* journalist "to await arrival on the 27th" — so they instantly switched hotels. They were pursued across the island and warned that there would be "upsetting scenes" at the airport when they left.

"Tim might well have said, 'let's cancel the holiday while I deal with this crisis', but he put us first. The whole thing has really arisen because he did that, and it seems awfully bad luck for him."

> 'Tim is actually a very direct person, who wouldn't say 'yes, we're going to stay together' because he feels it is more my business to decide whether I can stick it with him'

But were either of them really surprised that the revelation about this baby had come out? "We were very keen to protect the children. And Julia didn't want to say who the father was at all. I think we both felt that eventually it would need to be known. But it wasn't the right moment."

And it happened to coincide, with disastrous mistiming, with the back-to-basics campaign.

"That's right. At first the constituency were very supportive. Then something changed. I think people just are very confused; there is no simple code, unless you go back, as Lord Hailsham suggested, to the Ten Commandments plus one or two additions. And I think it is terribly important that the Ten Commandments are something we all aspire to." She says she is a Christian herself, "of a somewhat unconventional kind".

"I must say also that I am extremely attached to my husband. We have a very good *relationship*, we have always got on so well. We like the same kinds of music, which in our case is pretty important; I tend to go for more romantic stuff, Tim for the more structured earlier music. But it would be very hard to live with someone who didn't tolerate your kind of music." ("Bob Marley?" Jonathan asks. "I like Bob Marley," Mrs Yeo says.)

"I always think of Tim as my best friend — I felt that before all this happened. And I am also an optimist. We've come through a lot of crises in our lives. Crisis brings out resources that you didn't know you had. We were certainly aware of that during Emily's illness."

That happened suddenly one day in 1988.

"We were sitting here at the breakfast table when Emily collapsed with a brain haemorrhage, out of the blue. Half an hour later and she would have been in the Tube on the way to school. Mercifully the ambulance came quickly and got her to hospital quickly, where a very malignant tumour was diagnosed.

"She had been a very bright, athletic 15-year-old, a very good gymnast, cellist and skier and interested in science. And after she came home from hospital she was like a rag doll, who had to be propped up in a wheelchair. She had been given perhaps only a few weeks to live: we were given no hope at all. The worst decision I've ever had to make was when one doctor said we were being cruel, we should put her in a hospice, and another said 'I could give her a really heavy dose of radiotherapy and she could come through' — your child is unconscious and you have to think, what would Emily want? And we knew she would say look, have a go.

"The worst thing for a mother is to watch your children go through this and not be able to take it for them. It's hard to describe how fundamentally life is affected when your child is seriously ill in hospital. That year our life changed for ever."

Mrs Yeo had been working full-time at a job she loved, at the Institute of Charity Fundraising Managers, but dropped everything to look after her daughter, only returning to work when Emily — who is still partially sighted and cannot use her left hand — became more independent. "She is a very super child. They both are. But Emily is very special, a strong person. Having had to give up all the things she found important at 15, she set out positively to do the things she could do, like languages." After A levels at a sixth-form college in London she is now doing a B Tech at Loughborough, and wants to be a psychologist.

The fact that Mr Yeo had gone into politics at all was a *surprise to his wife*; like all Westminster wives she had to become accustomed to his absence. "There was a piece in *The Independent* about 'wives like me' who married men because they were interested in men with power, but Tim had no power and no money when I married him, and he didn't even tell me he was thinking of going into politics in case it put me off." When he was selected by Suffolk South in 1983, they did not interview her. "Tim made it clear from the start that I would not speak on political issues at all. It's a very curious thing: in general husbands and wives are not expected to share the same views, but in politics they are. I do often speak in the constituency, but only about my job — and they go on asking me."

That morning there had been pictures of Lady Caithness's funeral. Mrs Yeo felt deeply sympathetic, not just about the wife in such despair that she took her own life, but for Earl Caithness (whom she had met when he was minister for charities) and his children.

"But the human spirit is terribly resilient," she says.

Does coping with stress bring a couple together; or is a trouble shared not halved but doubled, as is sometimes said? "I think it's a mixture. I do know people who have split up under the strain of having seriously ill children — once you have such a child yourself you meet others in similar situations, and it does often drive people apart.

"But I suspect that if you live through it and survive it, then it probably brings you together. It's *during* that's difficult. I think eventually that will happen to us — I wouldn't be here now if I didn't think so."

I said her husband hadn't been terribly sure, or at least had pretended not to be.

"He didn't pretend anything of the sort. He declined to discuss it from the start, which was interpreted as not having decided. He was described as an 'arrogant' person but he's not arrogant at all: he's just tried hard to be straight about the whole thing. He is actually a very direct, straightforward person, who wouldn't say 'yes, we're going to stay together' because he feels it is more my business to decide whether in fact I can stick it with him.

"But I do have a very strong sense of family, and a strong sense that we do have a very good relationship, underneath everything."

It's not too late to cut the cost of Xmas.

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COMPARISON OF INTEREST RATES

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■ Recruiting Shakespeare to the party cause is neither sensible nor scholarly

Shakespeare is a pond in which a man may catch fish of any colour he wants. *Pace* the prejudice of the Hackney headmistress who refuses to let her charges see *Romeo and Juliet* because the ballet is "entirely about heterosexual love", you can find hints of homosexuality in Shakespeare: the enigmatic dedication of the sonnets to Mr W.H., as well as some of their sentiments, and lines such as "our gayness and our gilt are all besmirch'd". Let us proceed no further than the suggestive title of *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*. Because of the infinite variety of Shakespeare, no doubt there have been gay productions even of *Romeo and Juliet*, especially as a ballet, with Romeo twinkling his toes significantly at Mercutio.

The attempt to recruit Shakespeare into a political party is just as possible for Casaubons or Portillos, and just as silly. The argument that he was a man of the hard right is taken from two of his worst plays, *Coriolanus* and *Troilus and Cressida*. Greater plays, such as *King Lear* and *Hamlet*, put into words Shakespeare's sympathy for underdogs and distrust of authority. It might be harder to find evidence that he was a covert revolutionary; but his company earned the queen's displeasure by performing *Richard II* on the eve of Essex's rebellion.

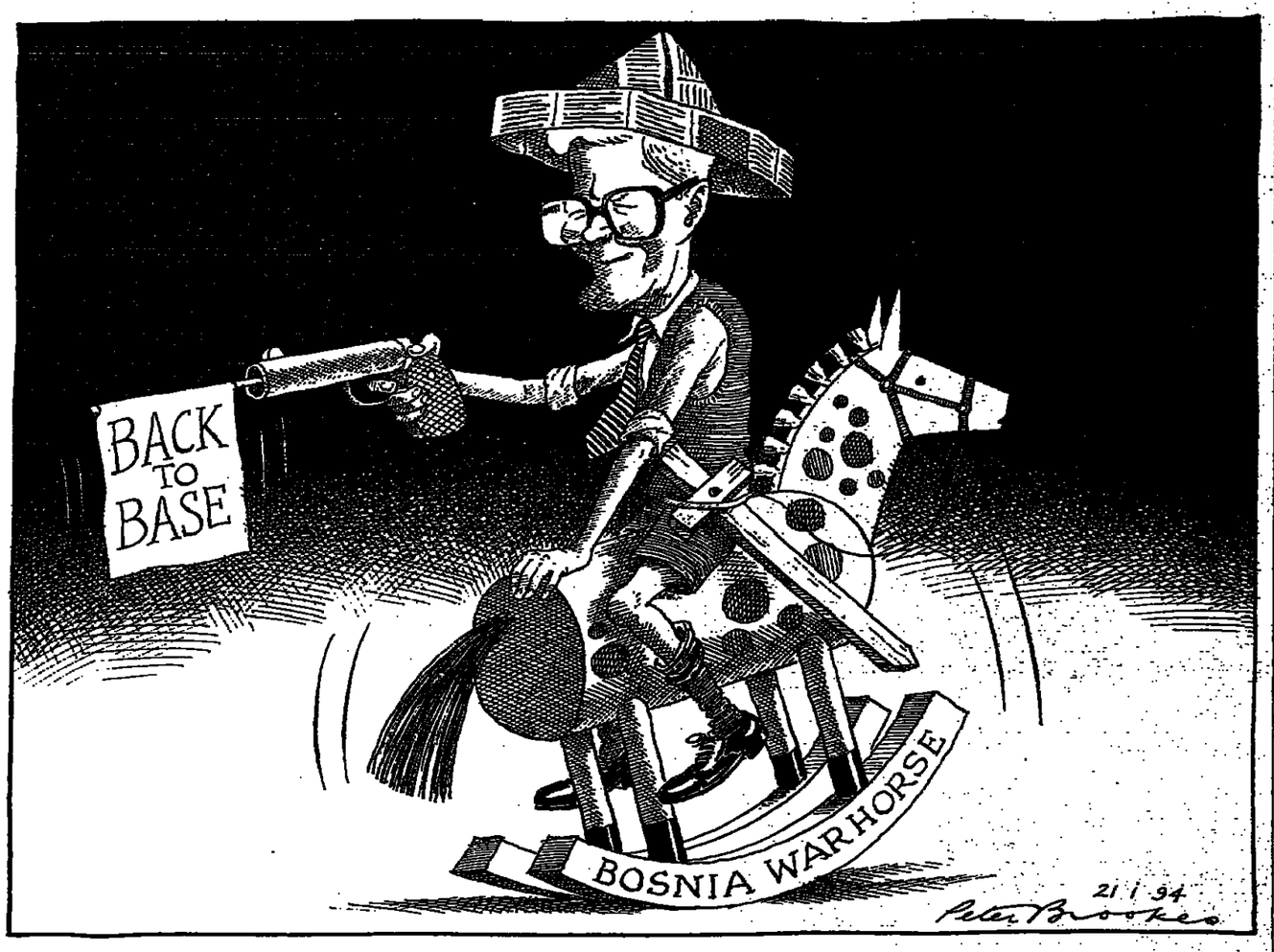
However, all such attempts mistake a play for a political manifesto. There is more to Ulysses's speech about degree in *Troilus* than meets the eye of Nigel Lawson, who made it the theme of the first chapter, "Early Beliefs", of his autobiography, and of Michael Portillo, who took it from Monsignor Gilbey's *Commonplace Book* as a description of modern cynicism about established institutions.

The speech is a tissue of Tudor commonplaces as well as a rhetorical *tour de force*. You can pinpoint its sources precisely, from Sir Thomas Elyot's *Booke named the Governour* to the Anglican Homily *Of Obedience*, and back at second hand to Plato in the *Republic* on the deplorable deficiencies of democracy. And its arguments are quaint. Do we really want modern society to be as hierarchically set in wax as a beehive, or to go back to Ptolemaic astronomy, with the sun revolving round the earth, and a rotten weather forecast and turmoil in the Conservative Party attributable to the influence of disorderly planets or journalists?

In any case, there is no evidence that Shakespeare himself was a true believer in his sermonette on order and degree. After all, he put it in the mouth of foxy Ulysses, who, immediately afterward, exploits his high-flown commonplaces of order and degree by rigging an election for his own political ends. One subtext of the speech is the widespread dislike, within the Greek army, of staff-officers and strategy. Other critics have detected satire about politicians in the high-flown rhetoric. Others say that Shakespeare was going through a period of gloom and cynicism because of his hard time with the Dark Lady of the Sonnets — though he also wrote *As You Like It* and *Twelfth Night* after that hypothetical experience. Shakespeare may well have been one of Mr Portillo's "new cynics", sending up the platitudes of contemporary political philosophy. We do not know, we cannot tell. He was a man for all parties, and none.

In any case, for the Thatcherite Right to adopt deference and respect for authority as their slogan stands history upon its head. That was not their agenda. In the 1980s, they subjected such established institutions as the universities and the trade unions, the BBC and the civil service, the Church, the City and the regiments to radical deconstruction, like a breath of fresh air or a forest fire, depending upon your point of view. Now it is a bit late to turn nostalgic for a hierarchical society, especially a Tudor, or even a Shakespearean Homeric one.

Among many other creators, Shakespeare was a magpie of other men's ideas, and a hack in a hurry to turn in copy on time. He was also a great poet, and as poet he wrote eloquently of order and disorder, dancing on the tightrope between them. I bet he took more of his speech of order and degree from Ovid's description of creation out of Chaos in *Metamorphoses* than from the policy-wonkers of his time. He was never one of us, though he got all of us right.



For God's sake, go!

John Smith's lot may prove no better, but it really is time to dismiss the current shower of incompetents from office

Bernard Levin

Michael Portillo, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has recently made a long and most interesting speech to his constituents. So striking was the speech that I think it useful to give my readers the gist of it before I comment. The speech began like this:

> Tonight I am going to talk about one of the greatest threats that has ever confronted the British nation. It comes not from the Soviet Union, not from the proliferation of nuclear weapons, not even from domestic terrorism. It is more insidious and therefore harder to counter and to defeat. It is not an external threat but an internal one. It comes from amongst us. What is that threat?
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> It is, of course, the appalling truth that the government of which I am a member is largely made up of a pack of liars, cheats, incompetents, simpering clowns, ignorant thugs, miserable poofdahs, drunks, insatiable fornicators, swindlers of all kinds and crooks who would willingly betray our country to its enemies for cash down, were it not for the fact that none of our enemies would bother themselves with such transactions because the would-be traitors would also be so stupid that no useful information could come out of anything they had garnered.

Now then, on your honour. Did you spot the bit that was not from Portillo's speech? If you didn't, I shall tell you; it was the passage from "I'm buggered if I can think of anything I can tell my constituents..." to "...just as well that most of them are too stupid to notice."

Ah well, Levin must have his fun. But there are other aspects, many of which do demand inspection. The first is a matter of impudence; Portillo, like every weaselling politician, refuses to admit that he and his fellow Tories have played a very great part in the crisis that now faces us. No, he will blame someone else, and when the blame runs out he will find another scapegoat.

The first bit of his cop-out is a singularly tired one, and even more impudent. It is to blame the "chattering classes" (a dab hand with a cliché is our Portillo) who are always ready to compare Britain unfavourably with other countries. Portillo praises our parliamentary system and claims that that also is being run down by the pessimists who are doing a "hatchet job" (yet another of those memorable clichés — why, he is even better than Major at finding worn-out phrases). But he has been in and around politics long enough to know that the party out of office always runs everything down — the Tories certainly did it when they were in the wilderness, all those years ago.

Portillo's staff had found him a suitable passage from Shakespeare wherewith to point out the dangers of knocking, but that is always dangerous, because you can find an opposite view on another page of Shakespeare immediately, and I have just done so. Where Portillo had "Take but degree away, untune that string, And hark what discord follows...", I have

> England, bound in with the triumphant sea,
> Whose rocky shore beats back the envious siege
> Of watery Neptune, is now bound in with shame,
> With inky blots, and rotten parchment bonds:
> That England, that was wont to conquer others,
> Hath made a shameful conquest of itself.
> Ah! would the scandal vanish with my life...

But that's enough of Portillo, and perhaps too much. Let us now step back a few paces and see the picture whole — the picture, that is, of the political scene. I recall the most recent by-election, caused by the death of Robert Adley, and I saw and heard Sir Norman Fowler repeatedly assuring the people in charge of his campaign that the seat would be held. (In the event, a majority of 23,015 had turned into a minority of 16,427.)

I made mock of Fowler when the figures were announced — indeed, I made mock *before* they were announced, so obvious was it that the Tories were going to be thrashed to the bone. But even as I mocked, another feeling took hold, a feeling much more powerful than that of merely goggling at Fowler's absurdities. No politician will admit that the skies are dark for him and his party, and no one would expect such candour. But Fowler did more than put a brave face on the catastrophe that was coming. As I pointed out at the time, when he had long known that catastrophe loomed, he could have refused comment when asked by the press and TV about his party's chances, or he could have said "Wait and see", or "It's the voters who will decide, not the media", or "Whatever happens, our people have worked splendidly", or a dozen more replies which would fend off having to say "We're going to lose".

But he didn't. He went on saying (Lib Dem 33,164; Con 16,737) that the Tories were going to win. Only later, as I said, did the full meaning of Fowler's claim sink in. It meant that he had parted with reality, and by extension so had the whole Tory leadership.

That is hardly surprising. The Tories have been in office unbrokenly for nearly 15 years, and some when ingenious fellow not long ago calculated how many people had come of voting age while the Tories were in power, it was an enormous number of millions. No such political longevity has been known since our present full voting system began.

Nor is this an entirely a matter of prime ministers: I believe that, if the then Mrs Thatcher had led her party into its fourth consecutive general election, she would have lost. But I do not believe that such a defeat would have signalled the country's disillusionment with her, poll tax or no poll tax. It would have meant that the nation, in its bones, wanted a change.

Now if that was true in 1990, it must be very many more times true today. Whatever you think about the scandals, the political and other disasters, the truly huge expansion of mendacity, the visible and audible exhaustion on the Tory front bench (it is a sign of how few first-class Labour men and women there are that they have been unable to seize the initiative, much less smash the Tories entirely), the squabbling in public as well as private, the ideas mooted on Monday only to be abandoned on Tuesday, nonsense like the Citizens' Charter and even greater nonsense like stab-in-the-back to basics — all this and a very great deal more, shows that the Tories have got to go, and not to come back until they have earned the peoples' trust. And that, you may sure, will not be soon.

But of all the pathetic beliefs that the Tories' harbour, the one that says "Get rid of Major, and all will be well" is the one that demonstrates most clearly that it is not only Fowler who has flipped his lid.

It is true, of course, that the Tories *must* get rid of Major, and they certainly will, immediately after the council and local elections in May, which will result, I trust, in an *auto-da-fe* of such monumental proportions that we shall all be able to keep ourselves warm for months on end. But come Clarke, come Portillo, come Patten, come Howard (go Howard, if there is any justice in Heaven), nay, come Bottomley or come even Gummer, come your dog and come my cat (which is a stuffed one, moreover), the Tories, like Cleopatra, can only say,

> Finish, good lady; the bright day is done,
> And we are for the dark.

True, to be governed by a Cabinet including John Prescott is a fate, if not worse than death, not a whole lot better. Then again, Smith is undoubtedly a lightweight, but what have we been putting up with for the last three years or so? We shall have to suffer John ("Call me Jack, it sounds more matey") Straw jumping to conclusions as usual, and for all I know Skinner will be appointed Foreign Secretary. (Well, Hurd did nothing but get his name in the papers, so perhaps Skinner, if appointed, will follow the example, though I doubt it. Stand by for a lot of wars.)

But the point is not that Major is no good, or that Smith would be no better or even worse; it is much simpler than that. The point is that the Tories have got to go, not because they have been fornicating too much (though they have), nor because they have been lying even more (though they have), nor because they have been getting everything wrong even more completely (though they have), but because the country is sick and tired of them, and wants them gone. And if they won't go, let them consider this: for every month more they cling to the wreckage, the public will see to it that they will have six months more in the wilderness.

Russian reform on the ropes

Boris Yeltsin now lives in fear, writes Anne McElvoy

The Kremlin lights burned late this week as Boris Yeltsin and his prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, shuffled and reshuffled the new Russian government, in an atmosphere as opaque as any surrounding the Politburo purges of Soviet days. It was, as the president's office declared coyly, "a frank exchange of views", with a result rather like Brezhnev's definition of that process: "Someone comes with his views and goes away with mine". Mr Chernomyrdin, whose theory of reform is that it is best carried out so slowly that no one notices, won hands down.

Not that there has been any shortage of reform in the past week, although it has been on the tongues rather than in the hearts of the rapidly decreasing number of men who matter in Moscow. Mr Yeltsin assured Bill Clinton that there would be no return to old ways, and yesterday Mr Chernomyrdin repeated that restructuring was safe with him, despite his having forced out the main architect of the changes, economics minister Yegor Gaidar.

Not since Mr Yeltsin came to power has the been such a gap between Moscow's official declarations on reform and its real chance of success. The more the politicians spoke of "deepening and continuing" change, the higher the currency traders pitched exchange rates, as Russians desperately tried to herd their savings into that last haven of security, the dollar. When the supplies ran out, one kiosk owner turned away customers, announcing "Ladies and gentlemen: no more reforms — no more dollars".

Moscow has fallen back into its old habit of saying one thing and doing the opposite, much to the embarrassment of Mr Clinton, who despite advice swallowed wholesale the rhetoric doled out to him in the Kremlin last week.

It is not only the Russian cabinet that is being rearranged. So are Mr Yeltsin's priorities. It now matters little to him what the West thinks. He knows that by sacrificing Mr Gaidar and forcing out the reforming finance minister Boris Fyodorov, he has sent a message to foreign governments and the International Monetary Fund that he has tried their recommendations for a great leap forward and found the effort too great. Despite his public shows of confidence, the Russian leader is a scared and tired man. The reasoning behind the transfer of cabinet power away from the reformers is that he believes that the neo-fascist Vladimir Zhirinovsky now has a realistic chance of becoming his successor. He fears that Russia's attempt to join the Western community and adapt to its ways could end in a return to dictatorship.

Slowing down reforms now seems to him more likely to impede Mr Zhirinovsky's rise than accelerating them. But his strategy has inherent risks of hyper-inflation, and so is unlikely to produce the stability which is perhaps the only way to confound Mr Zhirinovsky.

Last week's events have given Mr Chernomyrdin a status grander than kingmaker. The stolid former gas and oil functionary is now a more viable candidate for the presidency than any of the bright young radicals left wondering what happened to their futures. By handing over all but complete control of the government to him, the Russian leader has signalled his readiness to fall in with the demands of the influential group most hostile to reform: industrial managers who want to keep state credits flowing despite their enterprises' unprofitability and the inflationary risks. And so the new cabinet bristles with "moderate reformers", a tag as misleading as Mr Zhirinovsky's claim to be a "Liberal Democrat" or the pretensions of "semi-dry" Russian champagne to be anything but sickly sweet.

What does Mr Yeltsin stand for now? No one has much idea. He has broken personal ties and ideological commitments. His credibility as the steward of rapid economic reform is exhausted, leaving him with the mission of holding back the far-right barbarians who have much greater reserves of energy than he.

Together with his principles, he has sacrificed his main constituency, the grassroots democrats who wanted to see the Soviet mould destroyed, not merely reshaped. They have been left in the lurch by the man they brought to power, and they will not quickly forgive him. After an election in which the radicals performed disastrously, their only claim to influence is as the second largest party in parliament, behind the Liberal Democrats. More worrying still, they show no signs of producing a credible candidate to challenge Mr Yeltsin in 1996 — if he lasts that long.

The sense of *déjà vu* is unignorable. Russia's red directors beat off Mr Gorbachev's lame *perestroika* efforts. They are now in a position to do the same to the second, more vital wave of restructuring. A Kremlin leader associated with a strong set of beliefs is allowing himself to be hostage to one group of interests after another. It will not take a coup to render Mr Yeltsin a defunct leader, just the creeping return of old values and restrictions, which could bring him inexorably to the point of obselescence.

Russia's reforms, from Stolypin to Gorbachev, have always been vulnerable, and this is not the first time Mr Yeltsin has seemed to be changing course, or employed the tactic of bringing opponents into positions of influence. Now, however, adverse circumstance and failure of nerve have combined to wrest the levers of command from the his grasp. He has tried once too often to take two steps forward for one back — but succeeded in doing the opposite.

Unparliamentary

TUT-TUT, Edwina. The Derbyshire MP has been ordered to appear before the Commons administration committee to explain the affair of the crowned portcullis and a pair of black stockings. Mrs Currie, who seems to aspire to be the Jilly Cooper of Westminster, has offended the Commons' authorities by using the official emblem of the House when publicising her first novel, *A Parliamentary Affair*. She has been sent a stern missive by the committee chairman, Michael Martin, telling her to attend a meeting next Tuesday evening "to explain the circumstances". A report will then be made to Commons Speaker Betty Boothroyd. The timing is unfortunate for Currie, since a production company is already interested in turning her fictional Westminster philanderings into a TV mini-series.

"You are no doubt aware", says Martin, "of the regulations which restrict the use of the crowned portcullis, and will therefore understand this committee's serious concern at its misuse."

And for good measure he has asked Currie to provide the committee with a pre-publication copy of her book before the meeting. That'll save him £15.99 for a start.

● *John Patten, the latest Tory politician to be splattered with eggs by students at the London School of Economics, put a brave face on the incident. His sang froid was helped by John Ashworth, the vice-chancellor, who assured our Education Secretary that since Norman Tebbit and Peter Lilley had undergone similar bombardments, "We've got a standing order with Sketchley's for suit cleaning."*

College of one's own

CAMBRIDGE University is belatedly pushing back the barriers of chauvinism, with the appointment, for the first time, of a woman to head a college founded to take in male as well as female students.

Gillian Beer, an English professor at Girton and a 1993 Booker prize judge, is to be president of Clare Hall, a postgraduate mixed college founded in 1966, and not to be confused with Clare College.

Beer has already broken one record at Cambridge by becoming one half of the the first married team of professors; her husband John is Professor Emeritus of English at Peterhouse.

University sources concede that it's just a small step: "not quite the giant leap for womankind that some are hoping for."

Rug rethink

REGGIE KRAY, the 60-year-old gangland killer, is planning to brighten his cell at Blundeston Prison near Lowestoft with a dashing canary-coloured carpet fashioned, apparently, after the one chosen by Princess Anne for Gatcombe Park.

The Aylesbury carpet shop Valvona's was persuaded of the serious nature of its customer by "a friend" of Reggie's, one Ricky Prescott, and is cutting a deal on the carpet which measures barely two metres square. Prison staff insist the carpet cannot cover the whole floor, but the shop is undaunted. "It's just about the smallest order we've ever sold, and it's definitely the most unusual," says the shop. And, one suspects, the most speedily delivered.

● *You might ask, but Ian Richardson couldn't possibly comment on whether we'll see the scheming Francis Urquhart on our television screens again. Richardson, who accepted* The Oldie *magazine's "back to basics" award on Urquhart's behalf yesterday, says he will only play the old rogue again if the BBC guarantees that Urquhart meets a violent and permanent end in the next series. Negotiations, it seems, are at a delicate stage. "They've accepted that Francis meets his demise," says Richardson. "Now we're just discussing whether it's violent enough."*

Barring the way

WESTMINSTER'S secretaries and researchers are suffering a bout of indigestion over a rule which excludes them from a new restaurant and bar being built for MPs. Westminster's catering department feels an exclusive eaterie is justified at the new Millbank offices, even though MPs already have access to four dining rooms.

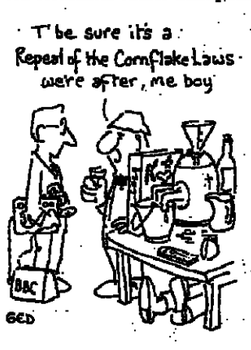
With relations between many MPs and their staff already strained, secretaries complain the decision to ban them reflects poorly on MPs. "We are treated like second-class citizens by the House," protests Martyn Fryer, a Labour Party researcher and secretary of the parliamentary TGWU branch. "We are hoping to start some evening classes for MPs on good employment practice after the Easter recess."

Storm brewing

BBC broadcasters are renowned for their diligence. But an in-depth investigation into potatoes for today's *Food Programme* on Radio 4 appears to have taken research one mouthful further than the Beeb's lawyers can stomach.

A journalist went to Ireland in search of the illegal, paint-stripping potato distillate poteen — and interviewed its makers. Two bottles of a potion made confusingly from cornflakes rather than potatoes were procured and smuggled into Broadcasting House. Arrangements were then made for a tasting on air.

Sadly, lawyers have decreed that the bottles, labelled Bourgogne Chardonnay and Captain Morgan's Rum, should remain unopened. "We've got the bottles here ready, but they say it is illegal to drink them," says presenter Derek Cooper. "but it's still going to be the first recording I have ever heard of that was conducted in an illegal still."



Calumni

MORE rattling skeletons in the cupboards of eminent graduates now, presumably, aspiring to respectability. *Varsity*, the Cambridge University newspaper, is to celebrate its 400th edition today by dusting off archive material, which some illustrious *alumni* may wish to keep permanently hidden. Back in 1961, an undergraduate called Kenneth Clarke invited Sir Oswald Mosley to speak to the University Conservative Association. Another member, called John Selwyn Gummer, was not impressed. One Michael Howard went further and resigned the presidency in protest.

Even royalty does not escape. Among the "victims" will be the Prince of Wales — photographed playing the part of a padre.

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REALITY OVER HONG KONG

The only sure shield Britain can provide is British passports

Before a packed session of the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday, Chris Patten gave a spirited defence of his proposals to furnish Hong Kong with a properly accountable elected legislature in 1995. The nub of his case is that *this is an* integral part of Britain's obligation to give legal substance to the "high degree of autonomy" after 1997, promised Hong Kong's people in the 1984 Sino-British Declaration. He contends, and Hong Kong's postwar history bears him out, that four critical components — the free flow of capital, the rule of law, a free press and honest, accountable government — underpin the colony's extraordinary commercial success and the wellbeing of its citizens.

Worldwide, history supports his argument that without an independent legislature, all these things could be at risk. Some of Hong Kong's richest businessmen retort that they did without democracy for 150 years — not strictly true, since Hong Kong's government is accountable to Parliament — *and can live without it under China. In* response, Mr Patten rightly stressed the vital importance to Hong Kong of its clear and impartially enforced commercial laws.

The freedom of people to ask awkward questions is, as he says, Hong Kong's best defence against the "pandemic" corruption sweeping China today. But will it survive 1997? Mr Patten is also on firm ground when he points out that what is at issue is not just British *noblesse oblige*, but the wishes of the majority in Hong Kong. Whenever its people have been given a chance, they have voted for more democracy, not less. Yet Britain's so far fruitless efforts to win Chinese assent to the Patten proposals also reflect desires in Hong Kong: this time for a smooth transfer of sovereignty.

These talks are in limbo. Britain still seeks to reopen them but in order to meet the 1995 electoral timetable, Mr Patten has presented the first "uncontentious" measures to Hong Kong's legislature and will soon have to table the rest. In high disregard of the provisions of its own Basic Law for Hong Kong after 1997, China says that in that case, it will simply dismantle the entire government. The first question put to Mr Patten by David Howell, the committee's chairman, was blunt. If the two objectives of democracy and a smooth transfer prove irreconcilable, and if China is going to do what it likes in 1997, he asked, "Is it worth it?"

That is a good question. The Governor responds first, that indefensible behaviour by China in 1997 does not justify an indefensible breach by Britain of its obligations today; and second, that legal barriers against arbitrary abuses of power are worth *erecting. They may be no stronger than* "panes of glass", but China would incur international costs if it shattered them: some protection is better than none. He could have added that China insists on its right to vet legislators in 1997, whether or not Britain gives China a veto over policy now for the sake of a "smooth transition".

The Patten plan has opened up a public debate in Hong Kong on the meaning of "autonomy" under Chinese rule, which it is healthier to have now than after 1997. But even if nothing is to be gained by *capitulation, 1997 may still be marked by* breaking glass. Mr Patten's mastery of the Commons cannot disguise the limits to Britain's mastery of events in Hong Kong, as its economy converges with China's.

China has $20 billion invested in Hong Kong, and Hong Kong *firms account* for two-thirds of foreign direct investment in China. China's self-interest lies in a prosperous Hong Kong: but that is no guarantee that its rulers will not put the ruthless exercise of sovereignty first. The Chinese saying, "open windows let in flies", will be true in both directions. Good laws may reduce the risks of censorship and corruption; they cannot eliminate them. In the real world, as *The Times* has argued since 1989, Britain has only one sure defence to offer Hong Kong's people: the ultimate safety net of British passports. The absence of that dimension gives British policy an air of unreality. The Government hopes for the best, and insists that Britain's responsibilities to Hong Kong's people are paramount. But this will carry conviction — in Hong Kong and also in Peking — only when it faces its duty to provide this ultimate guarantee against the worst.

AN ADMIRAL SINKS

But nobody else in Washington is blaming the press

Potentially good politicians are now reluctant to seek public office because the press has become too powerful and their private lives are too open to scrutiny. The complaint may sound familiar, but this time it comes from across the Atlantic. The latest "victim" is Bobby Ray Inman, President Clinton's nominee for defence secretary, who decided to withdraw his nomination this week after hostile press comment on his suitability.

Admiral Inman claimed that a "modern McCarthyism" in Washington had forced him to back down. He took particular exception to a column by William Safire in *The New York Times*, which accused him of being "manipulative and deceptive". Mr Safire went on to claim that "as an executive, he's a flop . . . as a judge of character, he is a naif . . . as a taxpayer, he is a cheat." In a rambling, one-hour press conference, Admiral *Inman accused the columnist* of conspiring with Senate Republican leader Bob Dole to undermine him.

It is a sign of how unconvincing was his performance that nobody in Washington has supported his attack on the media. Most *people think either* that Admiral Inman had something to hide, perhaps in his business dealings, that was likely to come up in the Senate hearings; or that he is simply too paranoid and thin-skinned to stand the rough-and-tumble of political scrutiny. As Mr Safire put it: "Bill Clinton is fortunate that his worst nominee came apart in public before he could damage more than the President's judgment about people. The next nominee should be an exemplar of stability, a civilian experienced in national security, and above all a person of character."

But how should polities ensure that their leaders are people of character? In America, various misdemeanours have recently been considered as disqualifications for top jobs: womanising, drinking, smoking cannabis, sexual harassment, employing illegal aliens, supporting affirmative action, and (for women only, it seems) not paying social security for nannies or housekeepers. Yet alleged adultery, in the case of the highest job of all, does not seem to be critical, perhaps because the Democrats, unlike the Republicans, did not campaign on a family values platform in 1992.

In America, the scrutiny is a formal part of the constitution. Nominees for Cabinet posts have to be approved at Congressional hearings, and Congressmen usually try to run with public opinion when making their decisions. This is a sensible check to the executive in a system in which no Cabinet secretary needs ever to have been elected. In Britain, most Cabinet ministers have won election as MPs, though that does not guarantee their suitability to hold public office.

In this country, Parliament has no say in the make-up of the executive. The media have to perform the role of scrutineer; and newspapers, as unelected institutions, can always be accused of not reflecting public opinion over the importance of the "misdemeanours" they expose. Yet, in a rough and ready way, the system works. Some stories about politicians' private lives blow over, leaving the men (they usually are men) unscathed. Others build up a head of public outrage and the man is eventually forced to resign. Newspapers publish the stories, but it is public and political reaction to them that determines the MP's fate.

In Britain, as in America, no individual columnist is strong enough to oust a politician from office. The media in this *country are powerful only in as much as* they reflect voters' views. And unlike in America, they provide the only scrutiny of politicians that the constitution allows.

A TRUE HERO

Sir Matt stood for all that is best in soccer

Manchester United is deservedly Britain's most famous football club. For nearly 40 years it has been a byword for an exuberant style of play. Its rollcall of honour includes Bobby Charlton, George Best, Denis Law and Duncan Edwards. The greatest of them, however, was *its manager*, Sir Matt Busby — a miner's son who went on to become a working-class hero in the days when there was a cloth-capped working class on the terraces. He turned Manchester United into a legend, and for years held out the promise that England could *not only* beat the world at Britain's national sport, but do it with style. Sir Alf Ramsay brought the World Cup to England, but it was Sir Matt's genius to create an entertaining style of attacking play more often associated with Brazilians and other Latins.

England's and Britain's football until the 1950s rejoiced in splendid isolation. Foreign teams competed for international competitions which our sides disdained. Italy and others might win World Cups, but we were confident that the national squad could trounce them every time they appeared at Wembley. After Puskas and his fellow Hungarians destroyed an immobile England squad both in Budapest and at home, the myth of national greatness was unsustainable. But Sir Matt built a team that could beat the best of the world at modern, fluent football.

His team of young stars was destroyed on the runway at Munich in 1958 when the plane carrying Manchester United crashed on take-off. Sir Matt was twice given the last rites, but he fought back to create a new generation of "Busby Babes" able to take on the sophisticated and increasingly wealthy sides that dominated European competition. It was a fightback which caught the imagination of the public well beyond the confines of British football. That fightback culminated in the glorious and breathtakingly skilful victory in the 1968 European Cup final at Wembley over Benfica.

Sir Alf Ramsay will always be admired for winning the World Cup. Jock Stein will be praised for first bringing the European Cup to Britain and Celtic. But, in our hearts, Sir Matt will always be the most loved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Why Scott enquiry must go ahead

From Sir Henry Rumbold

Sir, Judge Sanders criticises Lord Howe for his "outburst" at the Scott enquiry (letter, January 17). This seems an odd description of a carefully considered critique by a distinguished lawyer-statesman of Lord Justice Scott's handling of the enquiry.

Surely, Judge Sanders's letter better merits the description of an outburst, with its reference to the "antics of the present and former Governments" and its extraordinary claim that some members of the Conservative Party (including, presumably, Lord Howe) "show their contempt for the legal process" and that "even some of those in office appear to imagine themselves above the law".

The latter criticism, in particular, is inconsistent with the pledges of Mr Kenneth Clarke and Mr Michael Heseltine to resign if they are censured by Lord Justice Scott (report, January 15).

In any event, to paraphrase Judge Sanders, it is, I suggest, no bad thing for those in judicial office to realise that they are accountable for their conduct of judicial proceedings. Otherwise they may come to imagine *themselves* above criticism.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY RUMBOLD,
19 Hollywood Road, SW10.
January 17.

From Mr David Green

Sir, There may, as David Pappin suggests (letter, January 17), be occasions when matters of state must be managed covertly and without publicity. But if such occasions ever extend to allow the criminal arraignment of individuals known by anyone in government to be innocent, all our civil liberties are at risk.

Any enduring scandal in the arms-to-Iraq affair lies not in any trade that may have been conducted but in the fact that public immunity certificates were sought and signed in respect of evidence that would have proved the innocence of the Matrix Churchill directors, and in the fact that, of all the members of Government and the Civil Service who knew the truth, Alan Clark was apparently the only one prepared to come forward and tell it.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding,
Castle Morris,
Nr Haverfordwest, Dyfed.
January 17.

From Mr Reginald Dunk

Sir, David Pappin asks what good can come from the Scott enquiry.

As I pointed out in these columns (letter, September 29, 1993), evidence at the enquiry last June made it clear *that I and my company, Atlantic Com*mercial UK Ltd, were the victims of what appears to have been an attempt to pervert the course of justice, involving Customs and Excise and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The Scott hearing was told that diplomatic pressure was brought on some of our defence witnesses just days before our trial in 1985 for the alleged illegal export of weapons to Jordan/Iraq.

We were left, in effect, with no alternative but to plead guilty to an offence we *had not committed*. Lord Justice Scott remarked on that day that the collusion involving Customs and Excise and the FCO was "disgraceful" (report, June 16, 1993).

What future hearings will reveal of misdeeds by Government ministers and departments only time *will tell*, but as far as I and my company are concerned, the revelations already made are sufficient in themselves to justify the setting up of the enquiry.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. DUNK,
Hilltop House, Cuckney,
Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.
January 17.

Basics and morals

From Mr Lindsay James Keith

Sir, It occurs to me to ask, with great respect of course, if we aren't losing all sense of proportion. MPs are representatives, not delegates. They represent the people, with all their shifts of behaviour and expectation. Isn't that why the Splendid Skinner breathes the same air as the Sainted Gummer?

Be against Sin, by all means; condemn also Sanctimony.

Yours truly,
LINDSAY JAMES KEITH,
1 Bedlam Street Cottages,
Bedlam Street,
Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex.
January 18.

From Mr J. A. Yearsley

Sir, You devote much of your front page today to Sara Keays knocking the Government's back-to-basics campaign. Surely she is one of the last people to have a valid opinion of morality and family values.

Who could possibly care what *her* opinion is?

Yours faithfully,
J. A. YEARSLEY,
18 The Parade, Malpas Road,
Truro, Cornwall.
January 14.

A reference inserted by us into Mr John Atwood's letter ("Independent courts", January 11) to the Criminal Justice and Public *Order Bill should have been to the* Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill.

Improving the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer

From Dr Trevor J. Powles

Sir, In your editorial of January 15, "The breast cancer lottery", you point out that 40 per cent of eligible patients are not offered potentially life-saving chemotherapy. This is probably due to the fact that most patients with breast cancer are still seen in general surgical clinics by surgeons who see only a few patients per year with the disease.

There are now scores of well established, multi-disciplinary breast clinics throughout the UK, expert in implementing accurate and rapid primary diagnosis followed by "state of the art" treatment. If all patients in this country were treated in these clinics, I have no doubt that we would, at last, have a significant impact on national mortality from breast cancer.

However, in the end, no amount of organisation, legislation or money will affect these traditional referral patterns. It is the women themselves who must demand to be referred directly to such specialist clinics.

Yours sincerely,
TREVOR J. POWLES
(Consultant Medical Oncologist
and Head of Breast Unit),
The Royal Marsden Hospital,
Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey.
January 17.

From Professor Robert E. Mansel

Sir, Your editorial is right to call for higher standards in breast cancer management. However, these will only be achieved as a result of increased specialism in general surgery and higher standards of audit of routine surgical treatments.

You also call for better diagnostic services for younger women, but unfortunately this will not produce a *major reduction in mortality: present* diagnostic techniques are less efficient in detecting small cancers in the denser breast of the younger woman and breast cancer often spreads before it is detected.

It is this latter fact, incidentally, that makes it difficult to prove "negligence" in delayed diagnosis cases, since on the balance of probability the tumour would have already spread, even if the diagnosis had been made earlier.

More effort needs to be concentrated on prevention if mortality is to be reduced. In the meantime, increasing specialism in breast surgery should improve the quality of life for the woman with breast cancer by better cosmetic surgery and the lower *rates of recurrence obtained by optim*al surgical and chemotherapy treatment.

Yours faithfully,
R. E. MANSEL,
University of Wales
College of Medicine,
Department of Surgery,
Heath Park, Cardiff.
January 17.

From Dr Jill Bullimore, Vice-President of the Royal College of Radiologists

Sir, The recent papers on breast cancer in the *British Medical Journal* have once more focused attention on the problems involved in treating women who suffer from this common disease. The root of the troubles lies in *an under-resourced service, with too* few cancer specialists and, in some centres, inadequate equipment.

The women of Radiation Action Group Exposure (Rage), to whom your health services correspondent drew attention in his report of January 14, *are a sad group and deserve* help. It is more than sad when a treatment given with the intention of curing a patient succeeds but gives rise to severe lasting side-effects, and it is of the greatest importance that the cause of the damage to these women is established.

However, only Rage knows how many women have been affected and where they were treated, and the Royal College of Radiologists has repeatedly offered to study the hospital notes of the women in order that the *cause of their condition can be as*certained. This fact must be well known to Professor Karol Sikora, and his assertion, quoted in your report, that the group has been "dismissed as cranks" is difficult to understand.

The way forward for breast cancer treatment in this country is the development of a system that will, in the routine management of a patient, record the type of cancer, its extent, the clinical management and the outcomes of treatment such as cure rates and long-term side-effects.

The RCR is designing the clinical oncology information network (Coin) project for which it is seeking Department of Health funding. We hope that within the next three years Coin will be a nationwide network linking all *cancer centres in the country and en*abling national comparative audit to be carried out.

Yours faithfully,
JILL BULLIMORE,
Vice-President,
The Royal College of Radiologists,
38 Portland Place, W1.
January 16.

From Mrs Lesley Elliott

Sir, Pleased as I was that your health services correspondent covered my recent article in the *British Medical Journal*, complaining of complacency amongst the medical profession towards breast cancer (" 'Tomorrow is a luxury: no one can say when I'll die' ", report, January 14), I also feel compelled to put my complaint into a clear perspective.

While my experience of misdiagnosis over a period of seven months has caused concern, and in turn criticism of doctors regarding breast cancer, I have also had the privilege of being cared for by a dedicated team of doctors and scientists who are deeply committed to the treatment of breast cancer patients: their work should be encouraged and not undermined.

However, professional complacency in the Department of Health has led to grossly inadequate financial investment in the treatment of breast cancer, a disease that kills 300 women every week; and as one in an advanced state of that disease I would relish a decision by the Government to make the same financial commitment to research into it as has been committed to Aids research. This need not jeopardise other areas of health care, but the money invested would better reflect the number of women dying of the disease.

In 1994 as many of us are likely to die of breast cancer as did in our grandmothers' day. Mortality rates have hardly changed. This is not the legacy I wish to leave my daughters.

Yours sincerely,
LESLEY ELLIOTT,
Longlands, Frampton,
Dorchester, Dorset.
January 4.

Nut allergies

From Mr Stewart J. Copland

Sir, Very specific nut allergies emphasise the need for more specific tests to be developed to identify the exact types of nut that cause a severe reaction in some people (report, January 7; letter, January 8).

Our daughter Kathryn, who is now four, suffered an almost fatal allergic reaction to cashew nuts two years ago. After the attack she tested negative on the standard blood test for mixed nuts and also negative to a subsequent skin-prick test for reaction to peanuts. Identifying exactly which nuts may be responsible is a dangerous matter of trial and possibly fatal error.

Our consultant's advice was that she should avoid all types of nuts. This is difficult, given the range of food containing nuts either directly, indirectly as an ingredient in the manufacturing process, or in prepared meals, as on restaurant menus.

Little advice is available on coping with this problem and how to deal with an attack. Research to identify the constituents in nuts that cause this reaction is urgently needed to understand why this allergy is so severe.

Yours faithfully,
STEWART COPLAND,
49 Yardley Park Road,
Tonbridge, Kent.

From Professor Peter Richmond

Sir, Recent public concern over food allergies has emphasised, yet again, the need for better and clearer food labelling. The CWS (Co-operative Wholesale Society) has for some time been pressing for clearer food labelling that can be understood by most consumers.

For example, recent studies commissioned by the CWS clearly show that the official format for nutritional labelling is confusing to most consumers. In one of our studies, less than half managed to choose the correct products when asked to identify which were the highest and lowest in sugar, fat or calories.

It also became clear that numerical information, *per se*, is of little use in helping to achieve a balanced diet because it does not show how much is healthy or excessive. The area of ingredients seems equally poorly understood by consumers. For example, most do not understand the meaning of sodium and they certainly don't relate it to salt content.

If we are to improve the health of the nation in line with the Department of Health survey (reports, November 16, 1993), scientists, consumers and Government must work with greater urgency to put the consumer first and *experiment more widely with schemes* that offer interpretation as well as basic facts.

Yours faithfully,
PETER RICHMOND
(General Manager, Quality
and Consumer Care),
CWS,
28 Knowsley Street, Manchester 8.
January 18.

Flywheel cars

From Mr Cris Whetton

Sir, Your correspondent Francis O. J. Otway (January 18) questions the safety and dynamic performance of flywheel-powered vehicles. I was involved in the development of flywheel *energy storage systems in the mid* 1970s, being particularly concerned with their safety and reliability. Tests have shown that, with a suitable design and containment structure, the risks of flywheels are at worst equal to those of a petrol-engined vehicle.

Experience with a prototype mail-truck for the American postal service showed that at the typical highway speeds of such a vehicle — less than 30 kilometres per hour — gyroscopic effects were not evident to the driver. At the higher speeds now contemplated, the problem can be greatly reduced by employing two counter-rotating flywheels.

Yours sincerely,
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From Commander D. G. F. Bird, RN,

Sir, I was once involved in an accident with a flywheel in a destroyer when we broached to. We heeled over to about 70 degrees and the wheel of the Sperry gyro-compass leapt out of its bearings.

The result was spectacular. The wheel demolished the compass, then ploughed through a steel bulkhead, the contents of the next space and the following steel bulkhead and finished by wrecking the contents of the second space before coming to rest halfway through the third steel bulkhead.

I would not care to be involved in an accident with a flywheel-driven car.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BIRD,
The White House, Nyewood,
Nr Petersfield, Hampshire.
January 18.

From Mr Richard W. Evans

Sir, Francis Otway's letter reminds me of the fleet of flywheel-powered gyro-buses (as they were known) which were built by an enterprising Dutch company in the late 1950s.

These buses had, I believe, an arm which picked up re-energising current from a tall post at each bus stop. They were totally pollution-free in their own right and very successful during their sadly rather brief period of use.

They were all exported to the capital of the then Belgian Congo and put into service there, but were destroyed during the uprising when used as street barricades.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD EVANS,
The Squirrels, 3 Harmer Dell,
Diswell, Welwyn, Hertfordshire.
January 18.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Hoxne Treasure

From Professor Charles Thomas, FBA

Sir, Martin Biddle (letter, January 13) makes a powerful plea for retention of the superb early fifth-century Hoxne Treasure intact and in public ownership. May I propose three further reasons in support?

First, it is increasingly clear that *British Christianity in the fourth and* fifth centuries was never marginal (nor is it today elusive) but as complex and interesting as contemporary Christianity in Western Europe: a large portion of the evidence has been built up from studying precisely such *hoards and the work continues.*

Second, no other museum in Britain (and arguably none elsewhere) can match the British Museum's ability to conserve, study, display and publish late Roman assemblages of this size and quality, and the muse*um's record in this respect, with its* prompt publication of recent discoveries (Mildenhall, Water Newton, Thetford, etc) must stand as a matter of great national pride.

Third, dispersal of the Hoxne Treasure by sale would deprive not *just the British, but everyone, of the* opportunity — I would like to say "right" — to see such material properly exhibited in the museum, which may be "British" but is in fact the greatest of international collections, and one still (thanks to its trustees and *successive directors) open free to the* world.

The grant required to purchase the treasure, valued at £1.75 million, is not excessive. It represents, I estimate, about a week's cost of the Falklands garrison, and certainly less than the *cost of sending leaflets to 20 million* homes telling parents how to bring up their children (report, January 8). "Basics" surely include preservation and conservation of our national heritage.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES THOMAS,
Lambessow, Truro, Cornwall.
January 14.

Shopping hitch

From Mr John L. Jones

Sir, What will happen if a new super supermarket trolley that scans items (Mr Peter Moss's letter, January 14) is unable to price one of the purchases? Will it be able to raise the item in the air and call out to another trolley: "Doris, how much is this?"

Yours faithfully,
JOHN L. JONES,
4 Pinewood Close,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
January 14.

Dark secret?

From Mr Jonathan Portch

Sir, I have just purchased some matches made in Lithuania with the unlikely brand name of Pandora. I am reluctant to open the box.

Yours sincerely,
JONATHAN PORTCH,
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Brentford, Middlesex.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 20: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Lives of Sir Maurice Dorman (formerly Governor-General of Malta) and Lady Dorman which was held in St Paul's Cathedral this afternoon.

The Prince Edward was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by the Lord Carrington, KG.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 20: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Royal Hussars, this afternoon attended a Luncheon to meet Past Colonels of the Regiment and Commanding Officers of the Predecessor Regiments at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London W1.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness later received The Duchess of Badajoz at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this evening addressed the "Corporate Action on Crime" Reception at the Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 20: The Prince of Wales this afternoon gave a Reception and Luncheon to mark the launch of The Prince of Wales's Business and the Environment Programme at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness later attended the Service of Thanksgiving for the Lives of Sir Maurice and Lady Dorman which was held in St Paul's Cathedral.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 20: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, Order of St John, this morning received Mrs Andrew Stewart-Roberts on relinquishing the appointment of Superintendent-in-Chief of St John Ambulance and Mrs Thomas Scott on assuming the appointment.

Birthdays today

Mr M.J. Boleat, director-general, Association of British Insurers, 45; Dr Alan Borg, director-general, Imperial War Museum, 52; Sir John Burnett, former vice-chancellor, Edinburgh University, 72; Dr Rohan Butler, historian, 77; Dr David Carey, former Legal Secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury, 77; Lord Cayzer, 84; the Rev J.S. Coventry, SJ, former master, St Edmund's House, Cambridge, 79; Mr John Denison, former director, South Bank Concert Halls, 83; Mr Placido Domingo, tenor, 53; Mr George Foulkes, MP, 52; Dr John Hayes, director, National Portrait Gallery, 65; Sir George Middleton, diplomat, 84; Mr Jack Nicklaus, golfer, 54; Mr Justice Phillips, 56; Dr Sir John Reid, health consultant, 69; Miss Seone Reid, director, Scottish Arts Council, 44; Mr Paul Scofield, actor, 72; Mr Aubrey Singer, former deputy director-general and managing director, BBC Television, 67; Mr Christopher Stewart-Smith, president, Association of British Chambers of Commerce, 53; the Marquess of Tavistock, 54; Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Trowbridge, 74; Mr Laurence Whistler, glass engraver, 82; Mr Norman Willis, former general secretary, TUC, 61.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit Alice House, voluntary services centre, at Homer Road, Solihull at 12.20; will open Warren Pearl Marie Curie Day Centre at Warwick Road at 12.55; and will open a new boarding house at Old Swinford Hospital School, Stourbridge, West Midlands, at 2.30.

University news

Clare Hall
Cambridge University
Clare Hall in the University of Cambridge is pleased to announce the election of Professor Gillian Patricia Kempster Beer, MA, LittD, FBA, Grace I Professor of English and Professorial Fellow of Girton College, as President of Clare Hall from October 1, 1994, for seven years.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Frémont, explorer, Savannah, Georgia, 1813; Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson, Confederate general in the American Civil War, Clarksburg, Virginia, 1824; P. Morton Shand, architectural critic and translator of Gropius's *The New Architecture and the Bauhaus*, Kensington, 1888; Christian Dior, fashion designer, Granville, Normandy, 1905.

DEATHS: Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, poet and courtier, executed, London, 1547; Anthony Ashley Cooper, 1st Earl of Shaftesbury, statesman, Amsterdam, 1683; James Quin, actor, Bath, 1766; Alexis Piron, dramatist, Paris, 1773; Louis XVI, King of France, reigned 1774-93, executed, Paris, 1793; John Moore, physician and writer, London, 1802; Ludwig Achim von Arnim, poet, Dahme, Germany, 1831; Henry Hallam, historian, London, 1859; Alexander Herzen, socialist, Paris, 1870; Franz Grillparzer, dramatist, Vienna, 1872; John Couch Adams, astronomer, Cambridge, 1892; Lenin (Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov), Russian revolutionary, Gorky, 1924; Lytton Strachey, writer, Hungerford, Berkshire, 1932; George Moore, novelist, London, 1933; George Orwell (Eric Blair), novelist, London, 1950; Cecil B. de Mille, film producer, Hollywood, 1959.

Taxi cabs were officially recognised in Britain, 1907.

The first Monte Carlo car rally began, 1911.

USS *Nautilus*, the first nuclear powered submarine, was launched, 1954.

Concorde made its inaugural flight to Bahrain, 1976.

Church news

The Rev Canon Bob Metcalf, Rector, Holy Trinity, Wavertree, and Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Liverpool): to be Archdeacon of Liverpool.

Appointment

Richard Neilson to be British High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago in succession to Brian Smith, who is retiring from the diplomatic service.


ROBIN MAYES

Bunny Campione of Sotheby's with the 1909 doll made by Kammer and Reinhardt, the leading makers of the time

Doll with no name may sell for £200,000

BY JOHN SHAW

A 25in tall redhead known only as No 108 is expected to become the most expensive antique doll in the world next month.

The doll was found in east Germany and Sotheby's estimate she will fetch £150,000-£200,000 in London on February 8.

Wearing a white cotton frock and straw hat, she was made early this century by Kammer and Reinhardt, a German firm taken over by the state after the Second World War. At the turn of the century the company was famous for making lifelike dolls modelled on real children. The heads were in unglazed white porcelain known as bisque and the delicacy of their features set them ahead of the competition.

The 100 series of character dolls is much sought after by collectors and No 105 holds the world record of £90,200 for a 20th century bisque-headed doll, set at Sotheby's in 1989.

The example now for sale is believed to have been made from an experimental mould, No 108, which was registered in 1909 but never used in production.

Facial similarities show she was modelled from the same girl as other dolls in the series.

Bunny Campione, the specialist at Sotheby's, hailed the discovery of the doll. "Everyone in the doll world is talking about the find. This is the most important bisque doll ever to come on the market."

The doll originally belonged to an elderly woman in East Germany who did not realise its value.

Cathedral's Saxon past uncovered

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

FURTHER details, and a reconstruction drawing, have been published of the great Saxon church discovered last year under the nave of Canterbury Cathedral. Dating to the period shortly before the Norman conquest of 1066, the Saxon cathedral had a semicircular apse at each end, like the great Rhineland churches of the period, and may have had as many as five towers.

The new information follows the end of the excavations, which took place when the floor of the present cathedral nave, laid some two centuries ago, was removed to install modern heating.

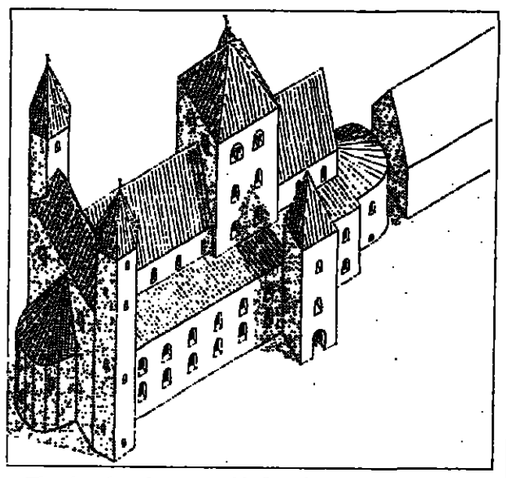
The first church on the site recycled Roman building materials, but was definitely of Anglo-Saxon date. "The big question is whether this was the original church of St Augustine," Kevin Blockley of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust says in *Current Archaeology*.

The Venerable Bede records that Augustine "recovered a church which had been built of old by the work of Roman Christians". This building was in turn demolished, and a large basilica built, with a central tower built over the original nave. This church had a rectangular narthex at the west end, which in the final Saxon cathedral was augmented by a western apse and twin towers. Two other towers are thought to have been added at the east end.

Mr Blockley says: "This final phase is similar to Ottonian Romanesque churches of around AD 950-1050, and may have been built by Archbishop Lyfing in 1013-20 or Archbishop Aethelnoth in 1020-38."

The final Saxon church was destroyed in a fire in 1067, and rebuilt by the first Norman archbishop, Lanfranc. His nave was replaced by the present Gothic structure, designed in the 14th century.

☐ Source: *Current Archaeology* 136:124-30



The church as it appeared before the Norman conquest

Latest wills

Lt Col Sir Henry Christopher **Carden**, 4th Bart, of East Woodhay, Newbury, Berkshire, left estate valued at £844,997 net.

Mr Peter Richard Carstairs **Coni**, of London SW1, late Recorder, and chairman of the Amateur Rowing Association 1970-77 and of the Henley Regatta 1977-93, left estate valued at £579,116 net.

He left £25,000 each to the London Rowing Club, the Stewards Charitable Trust of Henley Royal Regatta and the Amateur Rowing Association; £10,000 each to the Rowing Foundation, the Contemporary Dance Trust and Crusaid; £2,500 each to the Worshipful Company of Needlemakers and the Company of Watermen and Lightermen; £1,000 each to the Athenaeum Club and Garrick Club, a large number of personal bequests, including a life interest in the residue of his estate, and then the remainder equally between two nieces, the Stewards Charitable Trust of Henley Royal Regatta, the London Rowing Club and Amateur Rowing Association.

Mr Bernard Christian **Briant**, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, chartered surveyor and former church commissioner, left estate valued at £1,043,236 net.

The Hon Loelia Mary, Lady **Lindsay**, of London SW1, formerly of Send, Surrey, widow of Sir Martin Lindsay, former Conservative MP for Solihull, and previously wife of the 2nd Duke of Westminster, left estate valued at £576,319 net.

She left £1,000 each to the World Wildlife Fund, RSPCA and the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

Major-General Thomas **Brodie**, of Sutton Scotney, Hampshire, who commanded Britain's 29 Infantry Brigade in the Korean war, left estate valued at £130,922 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.P. Brennan and Miss C. Rampersad
The engagement is announced between Desmond, youngest son of the late Dr Conor M. Brennan and of Mrs Angela J. Brennan, of Clitheroe, Lancashire, and Chandra, eldest daughter of the late Mr Seegobin Rampersad and of Mrs Rajkumarie Rampersad, of Trinidad, West Indies.

Mr E.F. Heathcoat-Amory and Miss A.M.R. Thomson
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr Michael Heathcoat-Amory, of Chevithorne Barton, Devon, and Mrs Harriet Newton-Clare, of Ringwood, Hampshire, and Alice, elder daughter of Mr David Thomson and Mrs Patience Thomson, of Little Stoke, Oxfordshire.

Mr C.A. Kinch and Miss C.L. Atkinson
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr Anthony Kinch and the late Mrs Barbara Kinch, of Beckenham, Kent, and Carol, daughter of Mrs Maureen Atkinson and the late Mr George Atkinson, of Redcar, Cleveland.

Mr J.R.P. Moseley and Miss M. Kavanagh
The marriage has been arranged between Justin, youngest son of the late Commander Sheridan Moseley, Royal Navy, and of Mrs Moseley, of Kilmaloda House, Timoleague, Co Cork, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Kelly, of Knockatomcoyle, Tinahely, Co Wicklow.

Mr S.D.A. Newell and Miss A.E. Sackett
The engagement is announced between Sean, son of Dr and Mrs R.G. Newell, of Landbeach, Cambridge, and Abbigale, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.R. Sackett, of Stambourne, Essex.

Mr J.P.L. Glover and Mrs L.S. De Boos
The marriage will take place shortly between John Glover, of West Kingsdown, and Linda De Boos, of Eynsford, Kent.

Mr H.S.M. Singer and Miss S.L. Marron
The engagement is announced between Humphrey, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Singer, of East Sheen, London, and Sarah, daughter of Mrs Freda Marron and the late Peter Marron, of Bromborough, Wirral.

Mr J.R. Tacchi and Miss S.N. Mermagen
The engagement is announced between John Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs Derek Tacchi, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Sonia Neva, only daughter of Mr R.P.H. Mermagen, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Mrs M.D. Irish, of Diss, Norfolk.

Mr C.A.R. Walker and Miss F.J. Newman
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mrs Carola Chataway, of Maida Vale, London and the late Mr Timothy Walker, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs John Newman, of Old Saybrook, Connecticut, USA, and Sandhills, Surrey.

Mr J.D. Waring and Miss J.R.J. Lacey
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Waring, of Prestbury, Cheshire, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C.E. Lacey, of Staunton-on-Wye, Hereford.

Mr E.J. Whaites and Miss C.E. Rankin
The engagement is announced between Eric, son of the late Mr and Mrs C. Whaites, of Zimbabwe, and Catriona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Rankin, of London, SW15.

Dinners

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Anthony Bianco were the hosts at a dinner held yesterday at City Hall. Among those present were:

The Saudi Arabian Ambassador and Mrs Algosaibi, Lord and Lady Chalfont, Sir Marcus Fox, MP, Sir Greville and Lady Spratt, Vice-Admiral Sir James and the Hon Lady Weatherall, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea, Canon and Mrs Paul Bates, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Bonham, Professor Anthony Jones and Miss Hazel Williamson, QC.

Britain-Australia Society
The High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs Smith attended the annual dinner of the Britain-Australia Society held last night at the Dorchester hotel to mark Australia Day (January 26). Sir Jack Rampton, chairman, presided and Sir Bernard Ingham, Baroness Gardner of Parkes and Mr Michael Parkinson also spoke. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, and Lady Carrington and the Agents-General for Australia were among the guests.

Receptions

Fulbright Commission
Mr John Patten, Secretary of State for Education, welcomed the guests, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, at a reception held last night at Lancaster House in honour of American Fulbright students, scholars and fellows in the United Kingdom. The American Ambassador also spoke.

British Safety Council
Mr Ian McCartney, MP, was host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons for the British Safety Council's presentation of Diplomas in Safety Management.

Memorial services

Mr James Rogers
A memorial service for Mr James Rogers was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon Bill Christianson officiated. Mr Michael Rayment read the lesson and Mr William Rogers, brother, read from the works of Gracián. Sir Dick Franks, Miss Jancis Robinson, Miss Zue Newton, Mr Robert Joseph, Mr James Halliday and Mr Geoff Merrill gave addresses.

Lieutenant Colonel John Chandos-Pole
A memorial service for Lieutenant Colonel John Chandos-Pole, CVO, OBE, former Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire, will be held at noon on Friday, February 11, 1994, at All Saints' Church, Northampton.

Canon F.W. Dillistone
A memorial service for the Rev Canon F.W. Dillistone, MA, DD, Fellow and Chaplain of the College 1964-70, Emeritus Fellow 1970-93, Dean of Liverpool Cathedral 1956-63, Canon Emeritus 1964-93 will be held in Oriel College Chapel, Oxford, on Saturday, January 29, 1994, at 2.30pm.

Shipwrights' Company

On behalf of The Queen, Sir Brian Shaw, Prime Warden of the Shipwrights' Company, presented the Queen's Silver Medal for the Shipwright Apprentice of 1993 to Mr Christopher Bogle of Devonport Management, and the company's bronze medal to Mr Steven Lane of the Berthion Boat Company, Lymington, at a court meeting held yesterday at Ironmongers' Hall. Sir Brian also presented Lieutenant Mark Lunn, RN, with the company's first Fieldhouse Memorial Medal.

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ALEXANDER - On 19th January to Lilla and Mark, a son, Hector.

BRENT - On January 13th to Nicole (née Watson) and Andy, a son, Harry Andrew, a brother to Michael.

BURNS - On 19th January 1994, in Worcester, to Maureen and Michael, a daughter, Susannah Meredith Chelsie.

CLARK - On 18th January 1994, to Alice and Christopher, a son, James Auckland.

CONCAH - On 14th January 1994 at Billinge, Lancashire, to Alison (née McKinstry) and Shaun, a beautiful daughter, Megan Ellen.

CUNNINGHAM - On 19th January to Joanna (née Sheehy) and Hadyn, a daughter Emma Catherine.

EDWARDS - On January 17th, to Olivia (née Brown) and Rupert, a daughter, Camilla Sophie, a sister for Joshua.

FULLERTON - On 16th January 1994, to Victoria (née Briant-Evans) and Harry, a daughter, Polly Annabel.

GILCHRIST - On November 9th 1993, to Clare (née O'Hea) and Adam, a son, Malachy Bartholomew Munn, a brother for Fleur.

GRAVELL - On January 16th to Pascale (née Savouré) and James, a brother for Charlotte Sebastian Anthony James.

HALL - On 9th January to Michele and Matthew, a son, Joshua Matthew, a brother for Benjamin.

HARPHAM - On January 16th, to Lindy and Garry, a daughter, Roxanne Kelly.

JACKSON - On January 2nd to Anna (née Greer) and James, a daughter, Olivia Nicholina May.

KEEN - On January 18th to Caroline (née Laird) and Patrick, a son, Jack Alexander.

KENNEDY - On January 12th to Jennifer (née Heath) and David, a son, John Benedict Maxwell.

KHAN - On December 30th 1993 at the Portland Hospital, to Lindsey (née Bird) and Ian, a handsome son, Alexander Daniel, a brother for Rebecca.

BIRTHS

LORENZ - On 13th January 1994 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Helen and Andrew, a wonderful and long awaited son, James Andrew George. Thanks to the Hallam Clinic. Mr Ian Fergusson and all in the Lansdell Suite.

MONFRIES - On January 4th 1994 at Greenwich District Hospital, to Beverley (née Anderson) and Clinton, a beautiful daughter Lydia Alphea.

ORDERS - On 14th January 1994 in Sydney, to Kristina and Richard, a daughter, Camille Alexandra, a sister to Nicholas, Sebastian and Sam.

RILEY - On 19th January in Hong Kong to Georgina (née Sanderson) and James, a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth Georgina.

SUGIURA - On January 14th at The Wellington Hospital, to Mr and Mrs Sugiura, a son Kenichi, 3.270 kg.

WARNER - On 19th January 1994, to Sophie (née Davis) and Robert, a son, John Robert, a brother for Henry, George and Rosalie.

WELD - On 19th January 1994, at Dorchester Hospital to Charles and Georgina, a son, Frederick Humphrey Joseph.

WILLIAMS - To Rhodri and Hilary (née Walsham) on 19th January in the Rudolfinerhaus, Vienna a son Joshua Rhodri, a brother for Samuel and Rhiannon.

WILSON - On January 20th, at Harrogate, to Heather and Simon, a son, Toby Richard Tate.

DEATHS

CARRINGTON - Leslie M.B.E. on 18th January peacefully at West View Hospital in Tenterden, Kent. Cremation Service at Charing Crematorium on Monday 24th January at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to T.W. Fuggle & Son 0580 763340.

CASEMENT - Margaret Mary Willis on 19th January 1994, aged 84. Much loved widow of John and mother of Richard (deceased) and Sally. Funeral Service at Terwick - family only.

DEATHS

CHAPMAN - Michael John, formerly of Exeter and Cardiff. Peacefully on 15th January. Only son of Renee, and much loved husband of Ada. Father of Sarah, Simon, Jonathon and Emma, grandfather of David, Matthew, James and Danielle and Mark. Funeral Requiem at The Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels with St James, Poplar Walk, West Croydon at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 25th January followed by cremation at Croydon crematorium, Thornton Road, Croydon at 3.30 pm. Enquiries with regard to flowers or donations, C/o WA Truelove and Son, 109 Stafford Road, Wallington, Surrey, (081) 647 1032.

COSBOLD - On January 20th in Shrewsbury and with great dignity, Jillianne Bridget (née Gibbs), aged 58. 'Best Beloved' wife of Anthony, mother of Sarah Redfern, Emma and Robin Minter-Kemp and Claire Dickins and stepmother of Timothy, Humphrey and Jeremy Cobbold. Funeral for family and West Country friends at St. Eustachius, Tavistock at 2.30 pm Friday, January 28th. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be sent to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Pinfold Friends, Hales, Market Drayton, Shropshire. Service in celebration of Jill's life at St. Luke's, Hodnet, Shropshire at 2.30 pm on Saturday 26th February 1994.

DODDS - On January 17th Joseph Alan D.F.M. at Tunbridge Wells aged 71 years. Formerly of British Petroleum. Husband of Elizabeth and devoted brother, stepfather, 'Gunk' and 'Gramps'. Rest in Peace. Funeral Service at Newcastle-upon-Tyne Crematorium, West Road, on Wednesday January 26th at 10 am. Flowers if desired may be sent to J. Bardgett & Sons, Westgate Road, Newcastle.

DOHERTY - On 18th January, peacefully after an illness borne with great courage, Helen, beloved wife of Roger and mother of Charlotte and Patrick. Funeral Service on Tuesday 25th January at 2pm at St Stephen's Church, College Road, Dulwich SE21, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if wished to The Royal Marsden Hospital, London.

DEATHS

DOUGLAS - On January 18th, Robert ('Duggie') late of Holbrook, peacefully after a short illness at The Pines Nursing Home, West Hill, Putney, aged 89. Devoted husband to Sheila, father to Malcolm and Merle and grandfather to Gavin, Bruce, Alex and Tashie. Family funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 11.50 am on Monday January 31st.

FARLEY - On January 19th, peacefully after a short illness, at the Bromhead Hospital, Lincoln, Victor, husband of the late Phyllis, father of Martin, Caroline and Sarah, grandfather of David, Christine, Emma, Laurence, Honor and Evelyn, and great-grandfather of Sean. Funeral Service, Tuesday January 25th at 11.30 am, Lincoln Crematorium. Family flowers only. Enquiries to P.H. Dickinson & Sons, Faldingworth. Tel: 0673 885291.

GWILLIM GAVEAU - On January 11th 1994, peacefully at home in Seaford, Eve, dearly beloved wife of Michel. Funeral Service has taken place.

HARLING - On January 19th 1994, Leonard James aged 83, suddenly at Folkestone, beloved father of Anthony, Keith, and Dawn, formerly with Willis, Faber and Dumas. Cremation at Worthing, on Thursday 27th January at 12.40 pm. No flowers by request, donations if desired to the R.S.P.C.A.

HEATON - On January 20th 1994 peacefully at home in Naseby, William Norris aged 79 years. Dearly loved husband of Sheila, loving father of Catherine and Rosemary, proud grandfather of Glenn, Terry, Heidi, Suzie, Sarah and Lucy. Funeral Service and Interment at St. Helens Church, Churchtown on Monday January 24th at 2pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for St. Helens Church. Enquiries to L. Stewart & Son, Bridge Street, Garstang. Tel: 0995 602 316

DEATHS

LESLIE - Dr. John Duncan, recently retired from the Department of History, Bristol University, passed away on January 19th. Funeral Service at St. Paul's, Clifton, Bristol, at 2.15 pm on Thursday January 27th. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Aled Richards Trust, c/o Peter Connell Funeral Director, Burlington House, 2 Cabstand, Portishead, Bristol. Tel: 0275 849239.

PALLISTER - On January 18th Jean Margaret, loved wife of Bill Pallister of Highgate. Daughter of the late Joseph Scott Baltimore and the late Margaret Buchanan Bullimore (née Melkiejohn) of Alloa, Toronto and Darlington. Funeral private on January 21st, no flowers please. If wished donations to St. John's Hospice at the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, 60 Grove End Road, London NW8 9NH.

PETRE - On 18th January 1994 in Eastbourne District General Hospital, Henry Edward aged 86 years. Fortified by the Rights of the Holy Church. Dearly loved husband of Rosemary, father of Cylla, Tessa and Sonia.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully at Perth Royal Infirmary on Wednesday January 19th 1994, Robert Hart (Lt. R.N. Rtd.) aged 92 years. Beloved husband of Eileen and a loving father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Perth Crematorium on Monday January 24th at 3.15 pm to which all friends are kindly invited.

ROBSON - Tragically on January 16th Tim aged 26, much loved son of Val Petch and Jeremy Robson and brother of Julian. Funeral on Friday 28th January at St. Peter's, Kensington Park Road, Notting Hill at 12 noon. No flowers but donations welcome to MIND, Granta House, 15-19 Broadway, London E15 4BQ.

DEATHS

SHANKS - Ernest Pattison. Suddenly on 18th January 1994 at his home in Guernsey, C.I. Husband of the late Betty, loved father of Oliver, Peter, David and Jane. A loved father-in-law and grandfather. Donations in his memory may be sent to The National Trust of Guernsey C.I., Hon. Treasurer Mr I.O. Jones, La Houguette, Long Camps Road, St. Sampsons, Guernsey C.I. or to R.N.L.I. Guernsey Branch, New Lifeboat Account, c/o Hon. Treasurer, Board of Administration, Sir Charles Frossard House, St Peter Port, Guernsey C.I.

SKELTON - On 18th January 1994, peacefully in the tender care of Chase House, Hindhead, Mary Katharine (Molly), aged 93, Widow of R.A. (Peter), loved mother of Charmian and Alexa and grandmother to Maya, Mia, Petra, Kevin and Laura. Funeral Service at Park Crematorium, Aldershot at 10.30 am on Wednesday 26th January. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to National Trust, c/o Luff & Partners Ltd, Funeral Directors, 84 Lion Lane, Haslemere, Surrey.

SYFRET - Jocelyn on Sunday, 16th January 1994 in her 89th year, peacefully after a short illness in hospital in Chelsea. Sadly missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service to be held at Mortlake Crematorium on Wednesday, 26th January at 2 pm. Flowers and all enquiries to Barnes & Son, 112 Devonport Road, London W12 8NU. Tel: 081 743 4312.

WALSH - On 19th January, after a short illness, dear Norah, from Lismore, County Waterford, who gave a lifetime of devoted help and care to the Grazebrook and Palmer-Tomkinson families. Cremation at Aldershot on Thursday 27th January at 2.30 pm.

WRIGHT - On 18th January 1994, peacefully at home, after an illness courageously borne, Frank Dudley Wright aged 83. Beloved husband of Margaret, greatly loved father of Angela and Tessa and grandfather of Peter and Richard. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm, on Wednesday 26th January at St Bartholomew's Church, Brightwell Baldwin, Oxon. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Brightwell Baldwin Church, c/o Ewelme Rectory, Oxon OX10 6HP.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HOLDSWORTH - A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Lady Patricia Holdsworth will be held at St Pauls, Covent Garden, London WC2, on Friday 28th January, 1994 at 12 noon.

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OBITUARIES

ERNEST BABER

Ernest Baber, CBE, Judge of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, 1973-86, died on January 7 aged 69. He was born on July 18, 1924.

ERNEST BABER was on the front pages 11 years ago as the judge in the gruesome "Jars Murders" trial in Hong Kong. This was the case in which a local serial killer dismembered the bodies of his female victims, then stored them in jars and filmed his handiwork on video. His mistake was to send away the films to be developed. Baber it was who ruled that the video was admissible as prosecution evidence — a crucial factor which helped lead to a conviction.

As the senior criminal justice in the colony, he presided over some of the more infamous Hong Kong trials throughout the late 1970s and early 1980s, including those involving Triad gangsters. His crisp, clear directions to the jury were held to be models of their kind. The subtle relationship between judges and juries always intrigued him and he took great care over guiding them through the law.

Yet out of court Baber was a gentle man who liked children and the company of young people. He worked in his spare time for local charities including the Hong Kong YMCA and the Society of Boys' Centres — which provides boarding school places for destitute youths.

Himself a schoolmaster's son, Ernest George Baber grew up in Upminster, Essex, and went from Brentwood School to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to read English. The war interrupted his degree course and in 1942 he joined the Royal Navy.



Prevented from becoming a deck officer by poor eyesight, he entered the supply branch instead and served as a lieutenant for five years. After spending some time in Britain he sailed to the Indian subcontinent via South Africa, being first based in Ceylon, then India itself.

Supply officers were among the last to be discharged after the war but he returned to Cambridge in 1947 and switched from reading English to law and was called to the Bar in 1951 by Lincoln's Inn. He then joined the colonial legal service and was sent out to Uganda as a magistrate.

He opened the first magistrate's court at Gulu in northern Uganda, which was blessed with neither trains nor electricity. In 1959 he was transferred to Kampala, then three years later left Africa for Hong Kong, a year before Ugandan independence.

From being first a magistrate and president of Hong Kong's tenancy tribunal, he was made a senior magistrate in 1963, a district judge in 1967 and six years later was elevated to the Supreme Court. But ill-health affected him from 1983 onwards (the superstitious Chinese attributed it to the evil influence of the "Jars Murders" trial) and he retired early in 1986, when he came back to this country. He was appointed CBE in 1987.

As a lawyer his strengths lay less in legal scholarship than in his common sense and understanding. His spontaneous humour in court made him popular with the Bar, especially as his wit was not unkind and was never at the expense of lawyers or witnesses. He had the gift of keeping a straight face while being funny.

His knowledge and off-duty interests were wide-ranging. They included cricket, music and long walks, although he was predominantly a family man. Ernest Baber is survived by his wife, a paediatrician whom he met when they were both working in Uganda, and by their son and two daughters.

SIR MATT BUSBY

Sir Matthew Busby, CBE, manager of Manchester United FC, 1945-69, general manager, 1969-71, and president of the club since 1980, died yesterday aged 84. He was born on May 26, 1909.



MATT BUSBY was often described as the best manager British football has ever produced. During his reign Manchester United was more than a household name: it was a world-wide name.

Much of his fame derived, rightly, from the team's skill and success but a great deal was due, it was sometimes said, to Busby's great talent for public relations. It is true that no club's image had ever been more carefully and deliberately nurtured than that of Manchester United, that no players had their claims more persistently or persuasively put forward than those of Manchester United.

Busby's genius for making friends in the media, and for not making enemies within the game, also protected those around him when things went badly — "slow to chide and quick to bless" was a line from a famous hymn that well described the popular attitude to Busby's club.

He was a fine player for his club and his country. But a few have been better. As a tactician he was unexceptional: other men carried through the revolution in styles of the 1960s. Busby contented himself with largely playing to the old theories, and merely sought better players to carry them out.

Other managers proved themselves better at buying players; yet others showed themselves his equal in developing young prospects, and a few managed to win nearly as many trophies. It was never his success that stood out, but his style; not his competence, but his warmth.

His secret as a manager resided in his relationships with his players. It stretches no truth to suggest that Busby created with his teams the sort of relationship men would wish to have with their sons. Calmly protective and understanding towards them, he was repaid with a fierce loyalty.

His refusal to deal with players' transgressions in a public way earned him, from time to time, accusations of being "soft". Critics who leapt to this too-easy conclusion did not know of the confrontations in Busby's office. Then his tongue could be sharp and his warnings could never be ignored. The final sentence was usually: "Right, son, the fine is £200 — and it's double that if a word about this ever appears in a newspaper."

Busby's love for football, and especially of good footballers, was his life. It was with no trace of embarrassment that in a speech, when awarded the freedom of Manchester, he spoke of the "wonder, romance and mystery of a game ... that on great occasions is larger than life." Football shaped his character just as much as it made his name.

It was, to begin with, his escape from the constricting and deprived life of a miner. Matthew Busby was born into the colliery community of Bellshill, Scotland. He was only six when his father was killed by a sniper's bullet at Arras and as a teenager Busby was to join his kin down the mine. "There were only two ways for boys to go in those days," he later recalled. "Down, working in the pits, or up if you happened to be good at football." Busby was good at football, like two other Bellshill boys Alex James and Hughie Gallagher, and the well-organised system of Scottish junior football reached out to start him moving up.

From Scottish junior football he graduated to Manchester City, becoming a distinguished right-half of the City team of the early 1930s — distinguished, that is, by a habit of creative football that he was never to abandon. But he was determined as well as artistic, and having played in the 1933 side that lost a Cup Final to Everton he was a powerful influence on the City team that returned to Wembley a year later and gained the trophy by beating Portsmouth. That year, too, he won his only "full" international cap.

The honours were accumulating only slowly at his door, although after joining Liverpool in 1936 he remained a model player and during the curious hiatus of the war years he was to be a regular member of the Scottish team that fought many splendid battles with England in a series that the record books ignore.

Matt Busby got his chance to gain the honours that the world could scarcely fail to recognise in 1946 when, upon his demobilisation, he was appointed manager of Manchester United. Little about the circumstances surrounding his appointment suggested what was to follow: Old Trafford, the club ground, had been badly damaged by enemy action, and "home" matches had to be played elsewhere. The club was £15,000 in debt, and most of United's better players were still scattered in the forces.

He was soon into his stride, adding to a nucleus of prewar players with finds of his own to create a team that finished runners-up in the three post-war championships, and winning the FA Cup in 1948. Busby's United won the league title in 1952, did so again in 1956 and thereupon made history by ignoring official disapproval and entering themselves for the European Cup.

That decision to play where no other English team had played before was a fateful move in every sense. It led to United becoming Britain's best-known, best-loved club, it led eventually to supreme honour in becoming champions of Europe in 1968. But it led via a tragic route.

In February 1958, the aeroplane carrying Manchester United back from a European Cup match in Belgrade crashed on take-off at Munich. Eight of his players, famous youngsters such as Edwards, an England player at 18, and Whelan and Coleman, together with senior players like Taylor and Byrne, died in the crash.

Busby himself was severely injured. It took the breeding of a miner and the constitution of a professional athlete to pull him through a crisis. During the weeks of recovery his deputy, Jimmy Murphy, assembled a scratch side of survivors and replacements and carried on to the FA Cup final at Wembley. And there, with Busby, hobbling to the touchline, United lost. Munich had ended the lifespan of the two great United teams created by Busby. Simply, he began again and built a third.

It meant buying talented players like Law and Crerand, searching out others like Best and Stiles. It meant a patient wait, but only until 1963 for victory in the FA Cup and until 1965 and then 1967 for the League Championship. There were setbacks in failures to snatch the European trophy that Busby felt he owed to himself — and to his dead team. But that finally came in 1968 when, in extra time at Wembley, Busby rallied a tired team to beat Benfica.



Busby as a player in 1934

Twenty years to get there, the one thing that mattered most. His knighthood later that year was the icing on the cake and after one more year he began to relinquish control.

He was not an easy man to replace. His grip on his club was absolute and Wilf McGuinness, one of his former players, learnt the painful lesson that it is hard to live in a huge shadow, especially when the man casting the shadow was still but a pace away. McGuinness went and, after another short period in charge, Busby stepped down again to be replaced by Frank O'Farrell. This time Busby refused an offer to become the club's general manager because he knew the break must be complete.

Yet he stayed on at Old Trafford as a director from 1971, a genial welcoming figure, deliberately not becoming involved in the everyday problems, successes and crises. "Manchester United is now O'Farrell's job" he would say. Yet it was still, somehow, Busby's club. He never quite succeeded in becoming a mere figurehead.

His wife Jean, whom he married in 1931, died in 1988. One son and one daughter survive him, four sons having predeceased him.

TOM KEMP

Tom Kemp, formerly Reader in Economic History at the University of Hull, died in Gravesend on December 22, 1993. He was born in London on February 28, 1921.

TOM KEMP was an economic historian who took a wide lens to history. Never a prolific user of the archives, he produced instead a number of studies concerning international industrialisation which he described in typically self-deprecating terms as potboilers. Nevertheless, *Industrialisation in Nineteenth-Century Europe* (1969), *Historical Patterns of Industrialisation* (1978), and *Industrialisation in the Non-Western World* (1983), have become widely read and respected texts for students and scholars of international economic history.

Translated into many languages they have reached a massive audience. In addition he published influential texts on specific issues, including *Economic Forces in French History* (1971) and *The French Economy 1913-1939: The Story of Decline* (1972). His last book, *The Climax of Capitalism: The US Economy in the Twentieth Century* appeared in 1990.

His major publications began with *Theories of Imperialism* (1967). He took a particular interest in the political sinews of industrialisation, and the way that imperialism sought out markets and plundered resources. But his interest in politics went far beyond this, and throughout his life he was a prolific pampleteer and activist.

Tom Kemp was born in south London the son of a shoemaker. His observation of the rise of Fascism in London in the 1930s, and its development on the Continent led to a passionate involvement in the politics of the left. He was a member of the Communist Party until 1956, and then began his long involvement with the group which eventually became known as the Workers Revolutionary Party. In the latter he worked tirelessly as a writer, newspaper-seller, and proselytiser of their aims and objectives.

He had gained a scholarship to the LSE, and had attended one year before his studies were interrupted by war service with the Royal Navy. This included the campaigns in the Mediterranean and the liberation of Italy and France. It was during the latter that he met his future wife Annie, a Corsican by birth, whom he married in 1947. He eventually graduated with first class honours.

After a brief period at the University of Southampton he was appointed to a lectureship at the University of Hull in 1951, where, apart from two separate year-long secondments in Canada and the United States, he spent the remainder of his academic life. He retired in 1986 as a Reader.

His friends at Hull remember him as a good teacher, with the rare gift of delivering lectures, including statistical information where it was necessary, without the aid of notes. He would be faintly amused at the overhead projectors and other gadgetry which have increasingly become the standard methods of today. In spite of a deep commitment to politics he never imposed his views on students or colleagues. It was with other Marxists that he had most of his political debates and arguments. The chairman at one seminar series began thus, "Tom and I are both Marxists, therefore we disagree". Those merely of a very pale pink hue simply loved him as a gentle and very kind-hearted man.

Tom Kemp, a devoted family man, is survived by his wife Annie and his five children.

SIR WILLIS COMBS

Sir Willis Combs, KCVO, CMG, a former British Ambassador to Indonesia, died on January 13 aged 77. He was born on May 6, 1916.

BILL COMBS was one of the Foreign Office's cleverest linguists, who spoke the language of every country in which he served. These included not just French and Portuguese but Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Indonesian, and Burmese.

He was *chargé d'affaires* in Peking at the end of the Korean War when the British embassy was virtually under siege, served as counsellor in Baghdad in the turbulent late 1950s following the assassination of King Feisal, and withstood rioting students in Jakarta (his wife had to shoo them from the embassy rose garden — painstakingly nurtured for a forthcoming visit by the Queen). But the accomplishment in which he took most pride was his skill in mixing a classic dry martini — which he claimed to be the finest in the West.

Although a New Zealander, he was born in Melbourne, Australia, where his father happened to be working at the time. Combs Senior was an inventor, employed by a timber firm for which he patented a process for injecting wood with resin — to help preserve it.

Back in New Zealand, Bill Combs went to Dannevirke High School in North Island, and then to Victoria College where he read classics. From



there he won a scholarship to Cambridge where three years later he took a starred first in Modern Languages.

He served throughout the Second World War in Army Intelligence, stationed mainly in Whitehall and Western Europe. But Combs took the Official Secrets Act so seriously that, 50 years on, he would still not discuss his wartime role.

He joined the Foreign Service in 1947, coming top in the entrance examination, and was sent at once to Paris as second secretary (commercial). His subsequent postings included: Rio de Janeiro as first secretary 1951-53, Peking as consul and *chargé d'affaires* 1953-56, Baghdad as counsellor (commercial) 1959-63, diplomatic service inspectorate 1963-65, Rangoon 1965-68, and Indonesia as ambassador 1970-75. He also spent some time in the Nato Defence College in Rome.

A contemporary in China was the present Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, then a fast-rising young career diplomat. Combs's daughters used to practise their scales on the piano in his flat.

Combs's final tour in Jakarta was extended to take in a state visit by the Queen — who knighted him in 1974. He retired a year later, aged 59.

A man devoid of "side" or stuffiness, he insisted on walking every morning to the embassy, chatting to people he passed along the way. He was disappointed when a series of attacks on diplomats around the world prompted Whitehall to order him to use his official car.

On retiring, he went back to New Zealand where he lectured for a while at the university in Christchurch but found New Zealand too quiet and remote and within a year returned to settle in Britain.

He worked for some time in the Gulf, helping the Sultan Qaboos in Oman to restructure and modernise his foreign service. But then Combs fully retired to write a history of the Blue Funnell Line on whose ships he had circumnavigated the globe.

Combs, a reserved man who shunned publicity, was happiest in the company of his grandchildren, watching Tom and Jerry films on television. He had a surprising taste for slapstick humour. He is survived by his wife Grace, whom he met while he was at Cambridge and married in 1942, and by their two daughters.

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH

NO EVIDENCE OF DECLINE DURING WAR

A review of the health of the school child during six years of war by Sir Wilson Jameson, chief medical officer of the Ministry of Education, is published to-day, and in its 148 pages it discusses the effects on children of bombing, shelter life and evacuation, wartime diet, and relaxed parental care and control.

The principal criterion for the evaluation of the general health of children is founded on local authorities' figures relating to assessment of nutrition. These are based on impressions, not on measurements, but they are encouraging and are supported by measurements of rates of growth and by a remarkable reduction in mortality.

Sir Wilson Jameson writes with confidence that "there is no positive evidence of a decline in the health and physique of children during the war years." This, considering all the adverse conditions, was remarkable; and the main factors responsible were the provision of milk and meals in school and the granting of extra rations, "a brilliantly successful food policy," improvement in wages, and freedom from influenza and other infectious diseases, together with their diminished virulence. Discussing the health education necessary to combat venereal disease and illegitimacy, the report says: "There is no evidence that the present generation of men and women is less conscious of its family and social responsibilities and that its moral standards are lower than those of former generations."

DISINCLINATION TO SPREAD HOLIDAYS

In spite of publicity, a large section of the public remains unshaken in its belief that the second half of July and the first half of August is the proper time to take a holiday, no matter what the cost in money, inconvenience, and positive discomfort. This conclusion is reached by the Catering Wages Commission in its annual report for 1947, published yesterday (H.C. 25, Stationery Office, 3d. net).

The report adds that if the demand for holiday accommodation were spread more evenly over the summer months, there would be less cause for complaint about hotel and boarding-house charges.

TIPPING HABIT

On methods of regulating wages and conditions of employment, the report says that the commission's recommendations for the establishment of five wages boards have now been carried out. It points out that while it is impracticable in fixing rates of wages to make any general assessment of the cash value of tips, it should not be impossible for the two sides to come together and formulate, outside the framework of statutory regulation, rules for dealing with tips which could be applied to meet the needs of individual establishments.

It was improbable that tipping would ever be wholly eliminated, but it was hoped that with public realization that minimum rates of wages were secured by law, the tipping habit would become much less prevalent.

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"There is no positive evidence of a decline in the health and physique of children during the war years," said Sir Wilson Jameson, chief medical officer of the Ministry of Education.

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MOTORING

Can you sell second-hand cars and keep the faith? **Vaughan Freeman** meets a man with the answers

The gospel according to a salesman

Car dealers probably come somewhere between estate agents and MPs, slightly above journalists, and several leagues below ordained ministers in the public's ranking of professional integrity and ethics. As car dealer and man of the cloth, the Rev Bill Ankers throws all such preconceptions into confusion.

Recently ordained by the Archbishop of York, he is uniquely placed to view an industry that is perceived by most as staffed entirely by cheats who are firmly the wrong side of total ethics bypass surgery.

Sharp dealing, sexy car advertisements, Sunday trading, recession, boom and gloom are all firmly on Mr Ankers's plate as a dealer and churchman.

As a minister in secular employment, a deacon, and a dealer principal, Mr Ankers works in an industry badly battered by the recession. His own dealership faces a big upheaval, and the motor trade has lost tens of thousands of jobs over the past four years as new car sales have collapsed.

He works in an industry responsible for creating wealth, yet which is plagued by its own share of charlatans, and daily moral problems, and which often presents its goods in a way that causes him difficulties.

Puzzled car customers and baffled fellow church-goers often question Mr Ankers's position: "People say how can I equate Christianity and the motor trade? They all perceive us to be Arthur Daleys. If that is so then that's where I need to be. People have a go at us, but it is the only way I can reach out to people, to be among them."

He admits there are difficulties reconciling all the problems that arise: "One ethical problem we have just been coping with has been Sunday trading. That was a bit of a minefield, with the view being taken that everybody else is doing it, so why can't we? I have always held out and said I don't believe in it for me. I was pulled up short when one of my young salesmen came to me and said it was OK for me as I get paid on a salary, but he gets paid on a commission, and he said his family could not afford my ethics. So I said he should get on and work Sundays and I would have to cope with the ethics.

"Also, there is the way that manufacturers promote their goods, and try to persuade people to buy things that they cannot afford, and give them delusions of the better life simply by buying a car."

Car advertisements, too, sometimes pose problems for Mr Ankers; recent VW and Rover ads, for example, depict drivers turning



Bill Ankers: ordained

to their new cars for consolation as a personal relationship disintegrates. The clear inferences that a new car will improve your sex drive, or make you look attractive, are also worrying.

Despite such national advertising campaigns, his Haw's dealership tries to sell the car that customers need, rather than the car they think they want. "We go for long-term relationships with our customers rather than short-term profit, and will tell the customer we know them, and know that this is not the car for them, even though they do aspire to it."

Mr Ankers was ordained in December at his local church of St Luke the Evangelist, in York, where he has worshipped all his life, and close to the Haw's of York Citroën franchise where he is dealer principal, and where he has spent 34 years in the car business. His showroom rise from office boy to receptionist, finance director, managing director and dealer principal mirrors his life in the church, where he started as choirboy, then server, deanery synod member and reader.

It is a background that enables him to keep things in perspective: "I started way back in 1959 as office boy in a bit of a Dickensian outfit. We used to make up the coal fire on Monday mornings, brew the tea, and then deliver all the mail round the city on my push-bike, usually in the rain.

"I said to the boss one day as I came back dripping wet, why am I doing this? And he said I was cheaper than stamps. You can learn a lot from that."

The car business has changed, but it has got no easier, and Mr Ankers, 52, sees his church work as taking the church out to people rather than standing on the steps after Eucharist shaking hands. "There are an awful lot of people out there under tremendous pressure. I know them because I mix with them. In the last recession, 1979 to 1981, I lost three very close friends who took the "easy" way out with a shotgun or hose-pipe, because they felt everything that was happening was down to them, that the world recession fell at their door, that they had let their men down by having to cut back and make people redundant."

The Haw's dealership, too, is suffering. Mr Ankers and his staff have just lost their franchise after 22 years with Citroën, as the French importer reviews its sales policy: "We have been chopped, which means I have got a whole team to find work for. There will be redundancies, and I will have to choose who stays and who goes."

In a motor industry that is suffering, the key, he says, is to talk: "People don't actually share problems, they sit on them and brood over them. If we have people like myself from the church who are prepared to say we do understand, we are vulnerable as well, maybe they can start off-loading some of their problems."

Temptation, your name is Maserati

What is it about some cars that can turn a grown man into a lovesick boy? **Kevin Eason** has a date with a legendary Italian siren and finds that he has lost his heart

Michael Douglas would have been a sucker for a Maserati. At least, his character in the hit movie *Fatal Attraction* would barely have been able to keep his hands off the sleek supercar.

There he was, Mr Nice Family Man with a beautiful wife and children and a perfectly presentable Volvo in the garage, and he falls for a cute blonde with a temper like a scalded rottweiler.

And we all snigger and say it could never happen to us. But beware such prudery until you drive a Maserati because, have no doubt, the Volvo would spend the rest of its life in the garage while you were out on the town with the gorgeous temptress.

The trouble is that this could turn out to be a truly fatal attraction. Every minute spent being cuddled, cosseted, tickled and tantalised by a Maserati is tempered by a cold sweat in the dead of night as you ask: "What have I done?" I know, I was that man who gave himself willingly into the clutches of a motoring hussy.

For the Maserati Ghibli makes about as much sense to the everyday, normal motorist as a one-night stand with a Tory MP. You just know you are going to get hurt.

First sight of the Ghibli was like eyes that meet across a restaurant table: instant attraction. The interior was luxurious to the point of taking the place of an intimate boudoir, with leather and suede as far as the eye could see.

The wood veneer dashboard inserts were the best I have seen in any foreign car and the wooden steering wheel was a delight to the touch. The roof lining and storage tray were in grey suede, encouraging me to indulge in a very strange driving practice, reaching up to stroke the ceiling.

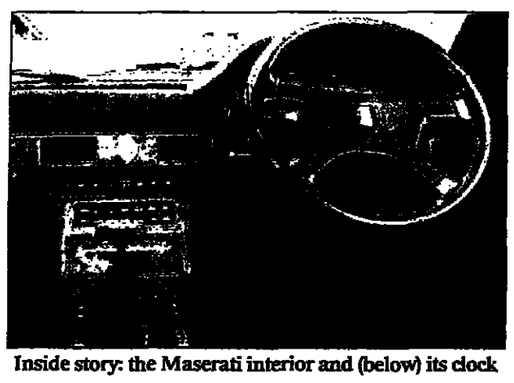
The dashboard clock was not just one of those ergonomically-designed digital machines to tell the time but an elegant, gold ornament which actually ticked.

A turn of the ignition key ignited a feline purr from under the sloping bonnet, with its aggressive, nostril-like air intakes. Even engaging the automatic gearbox turned into a tactile experience, because the gearknob was also wood-topped.

From then on the temptress was free to do her work, seducing me into believing this was a car in which I could leave reason behind and start a new life of wild, passionate motoring romance.

Kicking down the throttle pedal sent the Ghibli roaring away, making accelerating through an overtaking manoeuvre not only safe but exciting.

She needed no rough handling, her subtle chassis capable of taking any bend in complete comfort, her twin turbo-chargers able to boost the car to heights of excitement barely imaginable to the driver trapped by domestic routine.





Inside story: the Maserati interior and (below) its clock

Yet there were those niggling doubts, and I confess they started on our first night together. As darkness fell and I turned the Maserati towards the M1, I realised I could not see that gorgeous ornament of a clock; nor could I see any of the dashboard switches. They did not light up along with the speedometer, rev counter and array of dials behind the steering wheel.

Caressing became fumbling, and then an outright attack on the car, as I searched the half-dozen switches lined along the dashboard that might illuminate my elegant but temporarily useless timepiece. That conquered, my motoring mistress threw her first wobbly, cutting out on a three-point turn — and right in front of my best friend. It was not to be her last tantrum and often when idling, she would surge — almost giving warning that her power was to be unleashed and not trapped by tea-time traffic.

Then, as I was trying to convince my chum not to worry, that this was a relationship made in heaven (well, made in Italy anyway), she started to make a racket. Each time I lifted the throttle at about 40mph, there was a loud *thunk* of protest from the transmission.

Doubt was turning into outright irritation and the Ghibli's faults were as clear as headlamps on full beam.

It is often said that I am vertically challenged, but even I struggled to get my diminutive frame into the gap between the seat and the door. Billing the Ghibli as a five-seater coupé is optimistic in the extreme. Extremely vertically-challenged people or contortionists are about the only ones who will fit into the rear seats.

And the front seats are odd, too. Covered in Florentine leather they may be, but they seem extraordinarily small — too small even for me. There is also precious little room in a driver's cabin so bedecked in leather that it squeaks.

That rear might be cutely rounded but there is a shock in the boot. Space is so restricted, there is hardly room for a decent-sized family suitcase — and none at all for a spare wheel. Maserati instead provides some spray foam to keep the tyre usable until it can be replaced.

There was worse to come . . . no stereo. This is a £44,000 car and I had to do the singing to entertain myself.

When I turned the lock for the last time (carefully looking around the East End streets for thieves, because there was no anti-theft device either) I vowed this was a relationship that would end there and then.

What was the point of a car with so many ridiculously silly faults, even if it provided more excitement on a wet Monday than a trailer-load of Volvos?

Two days later, I knew the answer. I was besotted with the Maserati and even now cannot explain why. A Mercedes is safe and sensible, a Jaguar glamorous but reliable, while the Maserati is a strange package of engineering excellence and daft, nit-picking faults, almost as though the designers kept nipping off to the local trattoria for a bottle of Verdichiccio, forgetting to finish the job.

But maybe that was what made the Maserati so tantalising in an age when every car is designed by computer to look exactly like every other car, and then made by robots.

For the few willing to give up motoring domesticity, this is the mistress that could cost a fortune and drive you to distraction . . . but ultimately give pleasure along the way.



Temptress: the Maserati Ghibli has subtle lines and twin turbo-chargers able to boost the car to heights of excitement

When the trident was a world leader

MENTION the name Maserati to anyone under the age of 30 and they are likely to look blank unless they are car enthusiasts. Yet the name — and the Trident badge — was once among the most famous in the world.

The company was founded in 1912 in Modena by the four Maserati brothers — Alfieri, Bindo, Ernesto and Ettore. They started out making spark plugs but by 1926 had built a racing car, the Tipo 26, the first to bear the Maserati name. It was not until 1947 that Maserati built a road car, by which time the brothers had sold out to the Orsi family and formed another company.

Although there were road cars notable for smooth six-cylinder engines and elegant styling, racing made the company name, culminating in 1957, when Fangio won his fifth world Formula One title in a Maserati.

Maserati left racing then but never really moved into the front rank of manufacturers. Links with Citroën followed in the Sixties until Alessandro de Tomaso paid just £65 for a 30 per cent share of the business, the rest of the equity held by the Italian government.

Chrysler took a 15.6 per cent share in 1986 but its future remained unstable until Fiat bought a controlling interest. Now the name is being revived, with the cars being imported by Meridien, of Lyndhurst, Hampshire.

MASERATI

Ghibli: Powerful, luxurious but flawed when exposed to sophisticated competition. Engine: 2.8-litre V6, twin turbocharged worth 280bhp. Performance: 0 to 62mph (100kph) in 5.7 seconds, top speed over 162mph with electronic suspension adjustment. Fuel consumption: if you are worried, you are not in this price bracket. Standard features: leather, suede and wood interior, powered front seat back rest, electric windows and mirrors. Four-speed auto transmission £1,230 option, no anti-lock brakes or airbags and no spare wheel. Price: £42,813.

JAGUAR

XJS V12: fantastic value, even for a car originally launched in 1975. Looks dated but terrific ride and now with six-litre power. The ultimate in grand touring luxury. Revamped by Jaguar before the company launches a successor at the end of the year. Engine: 6-litre V12 worth 308bhp with 4-speed auto gearbox. Performance: 0 to 60mph in 6.6 seconds, top speed 161 mph. Standard: anti-lock brakes, driver/passenger airbags, alarm, full stereo system, electric everything, wood and leather interior trim . . . and spare wheel. Price: £49,200.

MERCEDES-BENZ

SL280 coupé: almost perfect — too much so for those who dislike the clinical German approach — and under-powered for the price. Buyers accept the basics but are rewarded with the best safety package on the market. Good looks following the tradition of Mercedes sportsters. Engine: 2.8-litre, six-cylinder worth 190bhp. Performance: 0 to 62mph in 9.5 seconds, top speed 140mph. Standard: anti-lock brakes, driver/passenger airbags, alarm, electric everything, aerial and speakers but no radio, cloth upholstery and spare wheel. Price: £53,200.

Renault crashes in confidence

RENAULT is the first motor company in the world to launch its own accident management scheme. The scheme effectively means Renault owners simply hand over all the problems of a crash to the manufacturer.

By dialling a freephone number at the scene, Renault drivers will get instant advice on what details to give to other drivers and whether the car is safe to drive. If it is badly damaged, it will be towed, assessed and repaired under the supervision of Renault Accident Management. More than 130,000 drivers will be covered before the end of 1994.

Renault has joined forces with the Accident Management Company, a firm based in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, which has specialised in this area for the past eight years, mainly for fleets.

Clean break

A BRAND of "clean" petrol was launched this week in Sweden. OK Petroleum AB says its low emission petrol reduces emissions of sulphur oxide, nitrogen oxide and carbon dioxide by up to 50 per cent. No other petrol in Europe can match that as Sweden moves towards the same sort of tight pollution regulations seen in California. OK is keeping further details secret until commercial distribution.

Going diesel

DIESEL accounted for a fifth of all new car sales last year and more new models are on the way. Fiat is claiming the cheapest diesel model in the UK, at £6,650. As well as finance packages, buyers get £300 back after the sale. Peugeot is enjoying its place as top diesel provider, with 113,500 of its 405 saloons and estates sold. Vauxhall took top spot as biggest diesel fleet manufacturer, winning 24.8S per cent of the market, with the Cavalier the best seller.

The colour of money

COLOUR has become almost as important a process in the design of a car as the shape. Make a mistake and £1 billion-worth of development on a new car could be wasted.

Janine Jackman, who decides the colour and trim for Ford of Europe, disclosed this week that her team at Dunton, Essex, worked for a year on colours for the company's new Mondeo. The result was a new colour, Cayman Blue, which has ousted red as the favourite shade.

About 17 per cent of Mondeos have been ordered in blue, showing that buyers back the designer's choice.



Porsche blues

PORSCHE crashed to the biggest financial loss in its history, reporting this week a deficit of about £92 million in the year to July 31, 1993. The company, which dominated motoring fashion in the 1970s, has found the recession in America and Europe tough going, with UK sales of about 950 cars running at a third of their peak.

Going Jeep

AFTER good news from Chrysler in America comes the good news from the UK. Chrysler turned in profits of $777 million (£518 million) for the fourth quarter — double the same period in 1992, driven by strong products. In the UK, Chrysler's Jeep products won 4,000 sales in 1993, double the original target.

Credit that

VAUXHALL has had 80,000 applications for the new GM credit card within two weeks of launch. The card can bring discounts against Vauxhall cars of up to £2,500, and has helped to shake up the credit industry, together with Ford, which is now launching its own card with Barclaycard.

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SRdt 2.1, Turbo Diesel, Mar '93, K, 10,500m £16,400	£357.15	£4,972	£443.47
SV 3.0, 28, Apr '93, K, 7,740m £13,800	£298.74	£5,123	£389.76
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NEWS

Euro MPs want Owen sacked

■ European MPs, led by Dutch, German, Italian and French members, overcame a united defence by the British, to call yesterday for Lord Owen to be replaced as their mediator in the Bosnian war.

Last night Lord Owen underlined his frustration at failing to resolve the Balkans conflict. He had already made it clear that he would continue only so long as he had the confidence of the European Union Pages 1, 10, 16

Major still optimistic on recovery

■ Although the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, admitted yesterday that forthcoming tax increases would check the pace of recovery, John Major rejected fears that it might be faltering. Both gave a buoyant assessment of the economy saying that recovery was well under way Pages 1, 9, 16

Yeo wife hate mail

Diane Yeo, the wife of disgraced former environment minister, Tim Yeo, has revealed in an interview that she has received hate mail for standing by her husband Pages 1, 15

Sir Matt dead

Sir Matt Busby, 84, former Manchester United manager who survived the Munich air crash, has died Pages 1, 3, 19, 44

Galloway disciplined

George Galloway has been severely reprimanded by the Labour party over his alleged tribute to Saddam Hussein Page 2

Ulster peace boost

Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland Secretary, said that for those who aspire to a sovereign and united Ireland, the Downing Street declaration sent a reassuring message Page 2

Reforms pledged

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, promised to continue economic reforms in spite of the appointment of a predominantly conservative government Page 12

Patten firm

Chris Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, told the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee that Britain would press for credible and fair elections in the colony Page 11

Child-minder claim

Christine Walton, a child-minder, is facing a huge damages claim and possible prosecution over a brain-damaged baby in her care Page 5

Master blamed

An official report into the sinking of the oil tanker, *Braer*, off the Shetlands blames the master, Alexandros Gellis Page 8

Cash alarm

Spending plans of the African National Congress have helped to accelerate the flight of capital from South Africa Page 13

Quake bills rise

Estimates of the cost of repairing earthquake damage in Los Angeles range from $15 billion (£10 billion) to $30 billion Page 13

Deaf protest

Lord Ashley, the former Labour MP who became deaf in 1968, has complained to the Lord Chancellor about a judge who banned a deaf juror Page 6

Nuclear hold-up

North Korea was trying to impose unacceptable limits of inspections of its seven nuclear sites, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Page 11

Ozone wearing

Scientists say the protective ozone over Britain is at a record low level Page 7

$1.2m lost on cowboy stamp blunder

■ US postal authorities planned to honour Bill Pickett, one of America's first black cowboys, alongside such legends as Buffalo Bill and Kit Carson. But the venture has lost them $1.2 million (£800,000) after it was discovered that they had chosen a portrait of the cowboy's brother, Bill, to feature on a new issue of stamps, which will now be destroyed Page 13



Ohio firefighters are forced to navigate an icy fire escape to reach a blaze as temperatures continue to plunge in America. Page 1

BUSINESS

Jobs: The BOC Group is cutting its worldwide workforce by 1,700, or 4.2 per cent, and will make an £85 million provision for redundancy and restructuring costs Page 23

Guinness: The brewing and distilling group has overhauled the five-year share crossholding with the French luxury goods group LVMH and the shares rose 49p to 521p Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 5.1 to close at 3470.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 82.3 to 82.7 after a rise from $1.4915 to $1.5004 and from DM2.6015 to DM2.6047 Page 26

SPORT

Rugby union: Scotland's selectors, who made eight changes from the side beaten by New Zealand for the match against Wales last Saturday, have made a further nine to play England at Murrayfield on February 5 Page 38

Cricket: England's players know the pleasures of life will soon be shattered by the need face the firing squad. Andrew Longmore watches them at play Page 39

Tennis: Mats Wilander, three times a winner of the Australian Open, recalled his glory days with a 6-1, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Olivier Delaitre in Melbourne Page 42

The wronged wife: Valerie Grove meets Diane Yeo Page 15

Another angle: A child's eye view of marriage break-up Page 14

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Right target: The British aristocrats who toasted the rise of Hitler are the intriguing subject of Michael Hastings' new play for the Royal Shakespeare Company Page 35

Striking stuff: "They crash, they smash, they beat, they bash." At Sadler's Wells Theatre, Jeremy Kingston reviews *Stomp*, the show constructed entirely of percussion noises Page 35

Pop on Friday: The 19-year-old songwriter Kristin Hersh reveals the bruised life that lies behind her anguished muse; David Toop takes a look at Megatripolis, the latest West End rave dive Pages 36, 37

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Tracey Gatehouse, 24, who was sacked by a gaming machine operator for being too attractive, has won a sex discrimination claim Page 7



Jayne Torvill and her ice-skating partner Christopher Deane, are back in the lead at the European championships in Copenhagen Pages 42, 44



Jane Brown, the headmistress who barred her children from seeing the "heterosexual" ballet, *Romeo and Juliet*, has apologised Page 6

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Curiouser and curiouser

■ Lord McAlpine is selling off his collection of the weird and wonderful. What price a stuffed seven-legged lamb?

Island-hopping

■ Everything you need to know about exploring the coral strands and the beach bars of the eastern Caribbean

To Create the King

■ Michael Dobbs, the writer of *House of Cards* and *To Play the King*, has a new book out. But this one, he promises, dishes the dirt on American politicians

Jonathan Meades dismisses the architectural pretention of many golf clubhouses. *Further Abroad* (BBC2, 9.30pm) Page 43

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Britain has only one sure defence to offer Hong Kong's people: the safety of British passports Page 17

An admiral sinks

An American defence secretary can afford to be neither oversensitive nor vulnerable Page 17

Football hero

It was Sir Matt's genius to create an entertaining style of attacking play more often associated with Brazilians Page 17

BERNARD LEVIN

The Tories have got to go, not because they have been fornicating too much (though they have), nor because they have been lying even more (though they have), but because the country wants them gone Page 16

PHILIP HOWARD

You can find hints of homosexuality in Shakespeare: the enigmatic dedication of the sonnets to Mr W.H., as well as some of their sentiments, and lines such as "our gayness and our gilt are all besmirch'd" Page 16

Sir Matt Busby, former manager, director and president of Manchester United; Ernest Baber, judge of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong,1973-86; Sir Willis Combs, former Ambassador to Indonesia; Tom Kemp, former Reader in Economic History at Hull University Page 19

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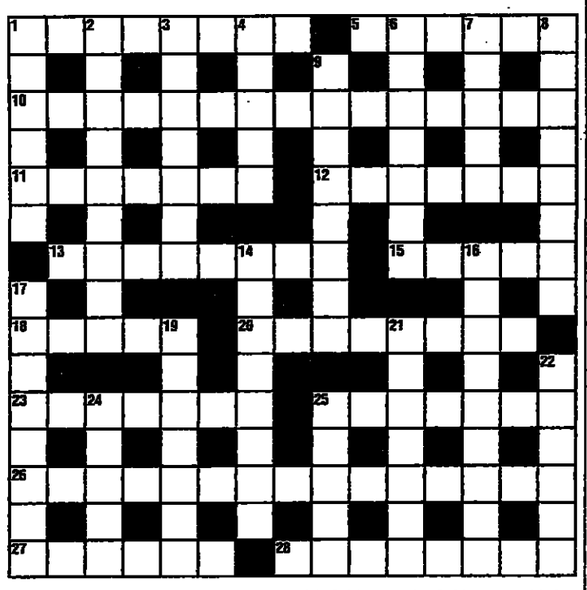
At a time when the British economy is at last showing signs of recovery, a government with any talent would be riding the crest of the wave, not resorting to cheap tricks to disguise its lack of vision. Even under Thatcher, the party had run out of steam

South China Morning Post

Overall, Clinton gives the impression of growing in the job

Los Angeles Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,445



ACROSS

1 Conventional policeman fair about wayward boy (4-4)
5 They dig out material for a suit (6).
10 Cheap work from vile-sounding composer? (10,5).
11 Defeat for Scotland following old-fashioned retreat (7).
12 Forcibly removed or knocked off, say (7).
13 Wrong representative or political leader I backed (8).
15 Animals so treated like rubbish (5).
18 You are, I see, reportedly after article of precious metal (5).
20 Corresponding by using mail service in workplace (8).
23 Browbeat fielder for bloomer (7).
25 City in Italy Rome can represent (7).
26 Odd gospel of Huns could be problem for Christian (6,2,7).
27 Artist stops just short of entrance (6).
28 Source of special egg in large quantity (8).

DOWN

1 Strike's about to restrict supply (3,3).
2 Thespian with a past (9).
3 Unpleasant character, such as Shylock, when pricked (7).
4 Old choral work being performed in music-hall (5).
6 Saw demonstrator overcoming bishop (7).
7 Put up indecent tapestries, initially, in abode (5).
8 Permanent position (8).
9 Novelist comes upon desert flower (8).
14 Bear repeated ridicule (4-4).
16 So to covet is wrong, it's whispered (5,4).
17 One of this bunch was a reflective youth (8).
19 Record set in once-ruined city (7).
21 Poet or philosopher, say (7).
22 First fish caught by male (or female) (6).
24 This side isn't generally seen as unfair (5).
25 Winslow, for example, making comeback in celebrated action (5).

KNOCKANDO

The solution to The Times Knockando Crossword Championship 1994 Qualifying Puzzle No 19,444 will appear on Monday, January 31.

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7.54 am	4.30pm
Moon sets:	Moon rises:
2.18 am	11.24 am

Full moon January 27
London 4.30 pm to 7.54 am
Bristol 4.40 pm to 8.03 am
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Manchester 4.30 pm to 8.11 am
Penzance 4.57 pm to 8.19 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Most of England and Wales will start dry, turning to mainly light rain in the afternoon and evening. Northern Ireland and Scotland will have a windy morning with outbreaks of rain. The afternoon will become colder with wintry showers in places. It will be mild in the S, colder in the N.

☐ **SE and cent S England, East Anglia, Channel Is:** Dry and some bright spells. Patchy rain later. Wind W, moderate. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **E, cent N and NE England, Midlands:** Patchy rain and drizzle in afternoon and evening. Wind moderate to fresh, SW. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **SW and NW England, Lakes, Wales:** Outbreaks of rain and drizzle, clearing in evening. Wind W or SW, moderate or fresh. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **IoM, N Ireland, Highlands, SW and E Scotland from Borders to Moray Firth:** Cloudy with outbreaks of rain, brighter later. Wind SW veering W, fresh or strong. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Argyll, NW and NE Scotland, northern Is:** Heavy rain at first, becoming brighter. Wind SW veering W, strong to gale. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook:** Unsettled and windy with showers or longer spells of rain.

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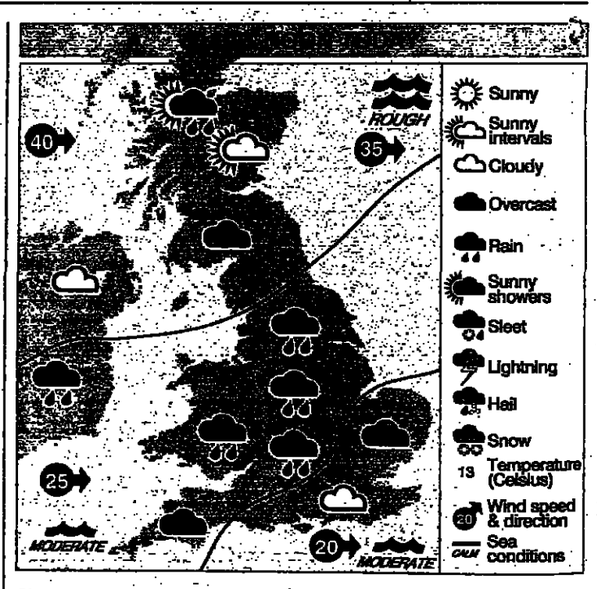
MIDDAY t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; d=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.9	0.02	5	41	s	Liverpool	4.6	0.03	6	43	sh
Anglesey	6.7	-	7	45	s	London	4.9	0.14	8	46	s
Aspatria	3.7	0.06	4	39	h	Lowestoft	2.6	0.07	6	41	s
Aviemore	0.5	0.24	1	34	sn	Manchester	2.8	0.11	6	41	b
Belfast	3.7	-	3	37	sn	Margate	X	0.05	7	45	c
Birmingham	6.6	0.06	7	45	s	Minehead	X	0.06	8	46	b
Bognor R	4.0	0.18	6	43	s	Morecambe	5.0	0.09	5	41	s
Bournem'th	5.8	0.33	9	48	s	Newcastle	5.3	-	5	41	s
Bristol	4.7	0.18	7	45	s	Newquay	X				
Buxton	3.8	0.28	3	37	s	Norwich	4.8	0.04	7	45	s
Cardiff	3.7	0.14	7	45	h	Nottingham	6.2	0.08	6	43	s
Clacton	3.3	0.10	6	43	s	Penzance	5.5	0.29	9	48	h
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	6.0	0.24	8	46	s
Colwyn Bay	4.8	0.05	6	43	b	Poole	4.2	-	8	48	s
Cromer	5.4	0.06	8	43	s	Ross-o-wye	4.6	0.01	6	43	s
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	2.8	0.22	7	45	b	Sandown	5.1	0.34	7	45	s
Edinburgh	4.1	0.05	5	41	sl	Scarrin Snd	3.4	0.09	8	46	b
Eskdalemuir	1.0	0.11	2	36	sn	Scarboro'	4.5	0.05	5	41	b
Exmouth	6.1	0.02	8	46	s	Scilly Isles	5.6	0.15	8	46	sh
Falmouth	5.6	0.29	8	46	s	Shanklin	5.1	0.37	7	45	s
Folkestone	2.0	0.21	7	45	b	Skegness	6.5	0.09	6	43	s
Glasgow	1.5	0.11	5	41	sh	Southend	4.1	0.04	7	45	b
Guernsey	5.4	0.11	X	X	s	Southport	5.4	-	6	43	s
Hastings	2.0	0.17	7	45	b	Southsea	4.6	0.22	8	46	s
Hayling I	X					Stornoway	1.7	0.17	4	39	h
Herne Bay	2.9	0.10	6	43	b	Swanage	5.7	0.28	9	48	s
Hove	3.2	0.08	8	46	b	Teignmouth	7.0	0.04	9	48	s
Hunstanton	5.8	0.14	5	41	s	Tenby	6.2	0.11	7	45	s
Isle of Man	5.1	-	6	43	s	Tiree	2.7	0.27	6	43	h
Jersey	4.2	0.36	9	48	b	Torquay	7.1	0.10	9	48	s
Kinloss	5.5	0.02	5	41	sh	Tynemouth	5.6	-	5	41	s
Leeds	5.2	0.04	5	41	sh	Ventnor	5.2	0.22	7	45	s
Lerwick	1.0	0.17	3	37	sn	West-o-mare	3.2	0.20	7	45	s
Leuchars	5.2	0.03	4	39	s	Weymouth	5.8	0.26	9	48	s
Littlehmptn	3.7	0.17	8	46	s	Wick	5.6	-	3	37	s

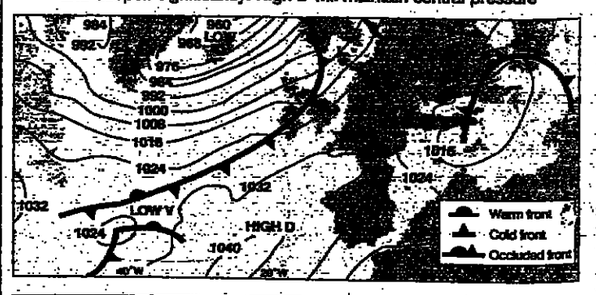
ABROAD

Ajaccio	13	55	f	Corfu	16	61	c	Malta	16	64	s
Alicante	17	63	s	Dublin	9	48	c	Melb'rne	19	66	c
Alex'dria	18	64	f	Dubrovnik	12	54	c	Miami	21	70	f
Algiers	11	52	f	Faro	13	55	s	Milan	3	37	c
Amst'dm	5	41	f	Florence	6	43	f	Montreal	-24	-11	s
Athens	15	59	c	Frankfurt	2	36	f	Moscow	-11	12	s
Bahrain	18	64	s	Funchal	15	59	c	Munich	-1	30	s
Bangkok	32	90	s	Geneva	0	32	f	Nairobi	26	79	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	13	55	f	Naples	11	52	f
Barcelona	9	48	s	Helsinki	-4	25	sn	N Delhi	17	63	s
Beirut	18	64	f	Hong K	13	55	f	N York	-14	7	s
Belgrade	0	32	c	Innsbruck	-2	28	c	Nice	10	50	f
Berlin	2	36	c	Istanbul	7	45	f	Oslo	-1	30	c
Bermuda	19	66	c	Jeddah	29	84	s	Paris	5	41	s
Biarritz	5	41	s	Jo'burg	25	77	f	Peking	-1	30	s
Borde'x	5	41	s	L Palmas	15	59	f	Perth	36	97	s
Brussels	5	41	s	La Tpuet	3	37	f	Prague	0	32	c
Budapst	-2	28	f	Lisbon	11	52	s	Reykjavik	-2	28	c
B Aires	33	91	f	Locarno	-3	27	s	Rhodes	17	63	c
Cairo	19	66	f	L Angels	12	54	fg	Rio de J	32	90	f
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Luxembg	0	32	c	Riyadh	21	70	s
Chicago	-20	-4	sn	Luxor	28	79	s	Rome	8	46	r
Ch'church	24	75	s	Madrid	8	46	s	Salzburg	-3	27	c
Cologne	2	36	f	Majorca	12	54	f	S F'risco	12	54	s
C'phagn	4	39	s	Malaga	12	54	f	Santiago	29	84	s
S Paulo	-23	73	c								
Seoul	-4	25	s								
Sing'por	32	90	t								
St'kholm	2	36	c								
Strasb'rg	-3	27	sn								
Sydney	26	79	f								
Tangier	13	55	c								
Tel Aviv	18	64	s								
Tenerife	16	61	f								
Tokyo	7	45	f								
Toronto	-19	-2	s								
Tunis	14	57	f								
Valencia	9	48	f								
Vanc'ver	5	41	f								
Venice	5	41	c								
Vienna	-2	28	f								
Warsaw	2	35	f								
Wash'ton	-16	3	s								
Wel'ngton	19	66	f								
Zurich	-6	21	c								

X = not available



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Aberdeen	7.56	3.38	8.19	3.40	Lowestoft	3.23	2.12	4.31	2.09
Avonmouth	12.23	9.78	1.04	9.52	Margate	5.58	3.87	6.43	3.61
Belfast	5.28	2.82	5.54	2.91	Milford Haven	—	—	12.30	5.15
Cardiff	12.08	9.18	12.49	8.95	Newquay	11.30	5.30	—	—
Devonport	11.29	4.30	—	—	Oban	—	—	12.20	3.00
Dover	4.57	5.34	5.38	5.02	Penzance	10.47	4.30	11.34	4.30
Falmouth	10.59	4.10	11.45	4.10	Portland	11.45	4.40	—	—
Glasgow	6.48	4.40	7.06	4.10	Portsmouth	5.16	4.00	5.46	3.70
Harwich	5.23	3.25	6.06	3.12	Shoreham	5.27	4.93	6.08	4.71
Holyhead	4.39	4.27	5.07	4.32	Southampton	5.06	3.66	5.39	3.54
Ilfracombe	—	—	12.16	6.78	Swansea	—	—	12.36	7.17
King's Lynn	—	—	12.46	4.70	Tees	10.21	4.15	10.43	4.19
Leith	9.02	4.35	9.26	4.35	Wilton-on-Ntze	5.26	3.44	6.08	3.31

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 9C (48F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Shanklin, Isle of Wight, 0.37in; highest sunshine: Torquay, Devon, 7.1hr.

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FRIDAY JANUARY 21 1994

BOC sheds 1,700 jobs to cut costs

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

■ The cutbacks in the healthcare division will save £35 million a year by 1997, the company said, and cost savings in gases will reach £23 million a year in 1996

THE BOC Group, in a move it describes as "spending money to save money", is shedding 1,700 jobs worldwide, 4.2 per cent of its workforce, and will make an £85 million provision against 1994 profits to cover associated redundancy and restructuring costs.

Jobs are likely to be lost within the gases and healthcare divisions in Britain. BOC employed a total of 10,665 in Britain as at September 30, but says it is unable to specify how many of those will be affected by the job cuts.

The group's worldwide workforce is 40,266, 13,506 of those in Europe.

Job losses will include "both chiefs and Indians" and follows "a very thorough review which management has attacked with vigour", a spokesman for BOC said.

The group also announced that Patrick Rich, a French and Canadian national who has been with BOC for 11 years, is to retire early and will leave office in April.

Mr Rich, 62, cited the strains of office as the reason for his decision. The last four years had been challenging, not least because of the worldwide recession, he said. He added: "The stresses and burdens of office have taken their toll in many ways, and in particular with my health".

Pat Dyer, chief executive, told yesterday's annual meeting that competitive pressure and eroding margins had led to an in-depth study of the group's business, structure and cost base, and that "sizable opportunities to reduce overhead and operating costs had been identified".

The group expects there to be a payback as early as this year from its cost cutting programme, and estimates that within three years savings will be almost £60 million a year.

BOC shares jumped 33p to 699p as analysts reacted positively to the implications for improved profitability as the £85 million programme is implemented.

Of the £85 million provision, £25 million will be made for the group's gases division. The balance will largely go towards healthcare interests.

Mr Dyer said cost savings in gases operations will be about £8 million this year, rising to £23 million a year by 1996, and that the provisions

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programme would relate mostly to restructuring and redundancy.

The cutbacks in healthcare will produce cost savings of about £12 million this year, rising to about £35 million a year in 1997, and in the main would be associated with improvements in manufacturing. The healthcare division has already tackled weak areas within its marketing operation in the UK.

The aim of the £85 million provision was to improve BOC's cost position and its overall efficiency, Mr Dyer said. He told shareholders that BOC had seen only limited signs of improvement in the economic environment in the financial year that started on October 1.

Growth had continued in the Pacific region, with the exception of Japan. But Mr Dyer gave a warning that profits from healthcare interests would continue to be depressed by competition for certain anaesthetic products in America.

BOC's annual report shows that Mr Rich's total emoluments last year were £1.68 million. Dick Giordano, a previous BOC chairman and who in the late eighties was Britain's highest paid company director, said Mr Rich had made a significant contribution to BOC during an extremely difficult cycle in the world economy. "We owe him a great debt of gratitude, particularly in view of the effect all of this has had on his health," Mr Giordano said.

BOC has yet to determine against which of its regular quarterly reports the £85 million provision will be charged this year. But the group said the item would be clearly identified as a provision and that the underlying change in BOC's fortunes would still be easy to determine.

Mr Rich served as chairman and chief executive of BOC until the end of last year, when the roles were split and Mr Dyer was appointed chief executive. The board is expected to decide "soon" on who will take over as chairman after Mr Rich's April departure.



SIMON WALKER

The Prince of Wales with Lord Alexander of Weedon at St James Palace yesterday

Royal backing for greener growth

The Prince of Wales said yesterday that he was hoping to bridge the gulf between business and environmentalists. (Colin Narbrough writes). He was at St James Palace, London, to launch a forum that will bring both communities together in an effort to help Britain's competitiveness and maintain sustainable economic development. The scheme, developed by the University of Cambridge Programme for Industry, will be backed for an initial three years by a number of large companies, including National Westminister Bank, whose chairman, Lord Alexander, who also chairs the management committee for the Prince of Wales Business & Environment Programme, said that the level of strategic environmental awareness within the business world as a whole remained "relatively low".

'Granny bond' will pay 7% gross

BY SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE National Savings Pensioners' Guaranteed Income Bond promised by the Chancellor in the Budget in November will pay a rate of 7 per cent gross, guaranteed for five years, to savers aged 65 and over, National Savings said yesterday.

The announcement was greeted with some relief by building societies, which had feared that the Government would make the rate and terms more attractive to tempt savers out of societies and into National Savings.

The Building Societies Association said: "We are fairly relaxed about it. Reaction from our members is muted. But it is early days." However, it admitted the rate was attractive for lower balances.

The minimum investment in the new bond will be £500 and the maximum £20,000. Interest will be paid monthly into a bank or post office account. Savers cashing in early will have to give 60 days' notice or lose 60 days' interest. On death, the bond can be cashed in without penalty or transferred to another person of eligible age.

Launching the bond, Anthony Nelson, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said that the bond would be of particular interest to "non-taxpayers who are finding it difficult to make ends meet".

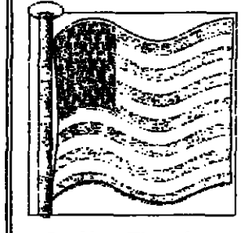
The Government had not set a target for the amount that it hoped to raise from the bond, Mr Nelson said, although it was aiming for "a useful contribution to government funding".

The bond goes on sale today. Savers can apply either through coupons published in newspapers or receive an application form and prospectus by calling freephone 0800 500 000.

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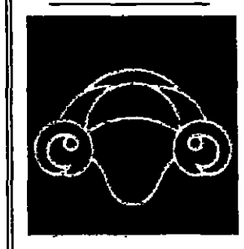


President Clinton has had a good spring semester. Wolfgang Münchau looks at Mr Clinton's first year in office
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Journalists try to keep MGN out

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR journalists on *The Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday* have had talks with representatives of Tony O'Reilly, the Irish newspaper magnate, over the past ten days to try to keep the titles out of the hands of David Montgomery, head of Mirror Group Newspapers.

The initiative puts some of the most senior staff in conflict with Andreas Whittam Smith, founding editor of *The Independent*, who is poised to unveil a rescue deal agreed with Mr Montgomery, giving MGN a 40 per cent stake.

The journalists have urged *The Independent*'s main shareholders, *La Repubblica*, of Italy, and *El Pais*, of Spain, to back a rescue plan from Mr O'Reilly that would give him a 25-30 per cent stake.

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Guinness tidies French link

By Martin Waller, deputy city editor

GUINNESS has drastically overhauled its five-year relationship and shares cross-holding with LVMH, the French luxury goods group. The move met with strong stock market approval and the shares jumped by 49p, to 521p.

At present, each company has a 24 per cent stake in the other. The UK brewing and drinks group took its stake in 1989 to protect joint ventures with the Moët Hennessy champagne and brandy producer, the owner of which, LVMH, was in the throes of a struggle over its ultimate control.

The French business, the full name of which is LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, also has extensive interests in luxury luggage and perfume.

Tony Greener, Guinness's chairman, said yesterday: "Although there was no specific or urgent necessity to change them, it was clear that the existing arrangements did not make sense to Guinness shareholders."

He added: "A particular source of this uncertainty was the structure of Guinness's cross-shareholding and the amount of cash tied up."

A complex deal agreed in Paris as the London market opened yesterday straightens out the relationship between the two, while enabling Guinness to concentrate on the champagne and brandy operations:

☐ Guinness is selling for £1.3 billion the two holdings in intermediate French companies that combine to form its 24 per cent of LVMH.

☐ It is buying directly 34 per cent of the Moët-Hennessy offshoot, which will hold the French wines and spirits interests, for £902 million. The rest is to be owned by LVMH.

☐ Guinness and LVMH will strengthen the deals that allow their respective products, including Guinness drinks brands such as Johnnie Walker whisky and Gordon's gin, to be distributed around the world, and each will keep a director on the other's board.

☐ Guinness will receive £416 million cash from the French, to cut its borrowings to £1.4 billion. The restructuring will produce a book profit of £204 million, though there will be a £173 million charge on 1993 profits, mainly because of goodwill previously written off.

☐ LVMH will cut its holding in Guinness from 24 to 20 per cent by June next year and cannot increase it thereafter. This will net the French a sum not far from the amount they will have to pay Guinness under the restructuring.

Guinness said pre-tax profits for the year to December 31, excluding the exceptional charge arising from yesterday's deal but including a pension charge of £30 million not in last time, would be at least £875 million, in line with earlier forecasts. In 1992, with no additional pension costs, the group made £920 million pre-tax.

The French restructuring will raise existing pre-tax profits by £13 million a year and cash flow by £14 million, Mr Greener said.

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Trading mix from Bass leaves shares looking flat

IAN Prosser, chairman of Bass, Britain's biggest brewer, disappointed the stock market with remarks made to yesterday's shareholders' meeting that suggested no lifting of the gloom in the drinks industry and a mixed performance over the Christmas season (Martin Waller writes).

Bass shares dropped 16p to 592p as analysts retreated from earlier hopes that the group might achieve a profits increase in the first half of the current financial year.

Mr Prosser told shareholders the core beer business had been volatile. He said: "Although customers ordered very late, Christmas trading was above last year." Volumes for the group's beer brands were 0.7 per cent ahead in the first 16 weeks of the financial year, but margins continued very competitive.

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Names pick their way through a money maze

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

NOTHING at Lloyd's of London is straightforward and evaluating the pros and cons of the £900 million settlement offer is no exception. It is not just a case of, on the one hand there is X and on the other there is Y. As Peter Middleton, the chief executive of Lloyd's, said at the unveiling of the (first) offer, it resembled a Rubik cube with a seventh side. Since then, it has become increasingly clear that names' interests are split into at least as many camps.

Starting with the simplest, there is the divide between litigating and non-litigating names. Only litigants will benefit from any successes achieved by impending court actions, whereas the settlement offer includes non-litigants. Ah, you say, non-litigants should accept. But before you rush to sign, think of your open years, which leave the way clear for future losses. You may want to litigate in future years to recover these losses but cannot do so if you accept the offer. If you are not litigating now, are you likely to do so later?

The decision also depends on whether you are a spiral, a stop-loss or a long-tail victim, or possibly your spread of syndicates catches all of these categories. Then there is the divide between names who are writing on in the hope of recovering some of their losses from future profits, and those who cannot or will not write on. For those underwriting this year, accepting the offer will ease their solvency requirements, go towards meeting 1991 losses and reinstate stop-loss policies to the extent that claims made on them are repaid.

On the other hand, names who reject the offer and take the litigation route will, if successful, get the cash in their hands, in most cases. But when? Legal cases can drag on. There is judgment first, then possibly appeal, then a ruling on how much is to be paid out. It could take two years for some and far longer for others. Names have to discount the amounts they believe they will receive to present-day values, and strip out legal fees.

Some actions, such as Gooda Walker and Feltrim, are deemed strong, but many are considered weaker. So a name has to decide if the offer is likely to be more or less than the amount he or she is likely to get from all actions. There is the unknown quantity of the errors and omissions insurers' pot. How big is it? And what does it cover?

There is some dispute over the size of the pot, but more important is its distribution among the dozens of members' and managing agents that are being sued. Some agents have more E&O cover than they are being pursued for, others have less. Which ones fall into each category is unknown.

Even if names knew, other action groups may get to the money first, either through legal routes or piecemeal out-of-court settlement. Names have to judge whether there will be money in the pot when they get to it. Gooda Walker names have the added dimension of being E&O insurers. So any legal settlement could trigger more claims against their syndicates.

To add a final twist to the Rubik cube, most action group rules bind names together by the will of the majority. A simple majority for some groups is enough to dictate the way forward for the rest. And those names wanting to accept may be barred from doing so unless they dispute these rules.

The only thing that is clear about the offer is that names are not a homogeneous mass; their situations vary markedly. That, coupled with the uncertainties, obscures the worth of the settlement offer. My advice to some is, take the money; to others, fight, fight and fight again.

□ An action group representing names on Syndicate 334 voted to reject the offer. Clive Francis, the chairman, said 60 per cent of the action group's 360 names had voted against.

Welcome for plan to relax curbs on societies

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

BUILDING societies welcomed the Treasury's announcement yesterday that it was planning to review and probably, eventually, to remove many of the restrictions on societies enshrined in the Building Societies Act 1986.

Anthony Nelson, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said the review would be "a further step in the government's deregulation initiative". The Treasury and the Building Societies Commission, in consultation with the Building Societies Association, will be looking at limits on building societies' wholesale funding and at internal procedures relating to mergers, conversions and takeovers.

These did not figure in the Deregulation Bill, published on Wednesday, which included measures to allow societies to participate directly in syndicated lending and to lend on the security of third-party assets.

Societies are particularly keen to see a change in the rule limiting their ability to raise funds on the wholesale markets to 40 per cent of their total funding. The Building Societies Association, which has been calling for a review for the past two years, said this was the "single most important issue" for its members, which wanted an increase in the limit.

Larger societies, in particular, want greater access to wholesale funds from the money markets because funds are cheaper and they would be able to offer better fixed-rate mortgage deals to borrowers. The clearing banks have moved aggressively into the fixed-rate mortgage market over the past year, as interest rates have fallen. Now, an estimated 80 per cent of clearing bank loans are on a fixed-rate basis.

Societies claim that they are handicapped in competing against clearing banks for market share because they have to count on retail funds for 60 per cent of their funding. This forces them to balance the need to attract savings by paying competitive rates to savers, with the need to keep borrowers' mortgage rates low.

The 40 per cent restriction also leaves societies vulnerable to losing savers to National Savings when the government needs to raise money and makes National Savings rates more attractive than those that building societies can afford to offer.

The Halifax, the largest society, headed by Mike Blackburn, said: "We believe that building societies, like banks, should be able to do anything that is right for their customers but within a regulatory framework. It is unrealistic for societies like the Halifax to be regulated differently from banks."

A loosening of restrictions is also likely to make societies less keen to convert to convert themselves into public limited companies, the Halifax said.

The first stage of the review is expected to be completed by the early summer. Further consultations will take place in the autumn if necessary.



Mike Blackburn, head of the Halifax, which believes it should be regulated no differently from banks

Interest accrues in Ibos

ROYAL Bank of Scotland and Banco Santander, its Spanish ally, are poised to add six banks — in America, Asia and Europe — to Ibos, their cross-border banking partnership that allows personal and business customers access to their bank accounts overseas (Patricia Tehan writes).

Kredietbank, one of Belgium's biggest banks, is thought likely to be the first to join. About 40 banks have shown interest in joining Ibos. Talks are at an advanced stage with three American banks, thought to include Mellon Bank and First Fidelity Bank. Talks go on with two German banks, while two Japanese banks have shown interest.

BAe and Rolls-Royce gain from £300m aircraft order

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS have approved a long-awaited £300 million contract to acquire 18 advanced Harrier short-take off and landing interceptor aircraft for the Royal Navy.

The order will provide £200 million of work for British Aerospace, including upgrade work on five of the Navy's existing Harrier FRS1 aircraft.

In addition, Rolls-Royce will supply Pegasus engines and spares worth some £60 million, and GEC-Marconi, part of the General Electric Company, will supply an avionics package that will take the total value of contracts placed to some £300 million.

The contract provides a valuable increase in British Aerospace's order book and will help to sustain one of the company's biggest military aircraft programmes. Manufacture of the aircraft will largely be carried out at Brough, on Humberside, although final assembly will be undertaken at Dunsfold, Surrey.

Delivery of the planes is expected to begin in 1995. A Ministry of Defence spokesman said that the aircraft, which will bring the number of Sea Harriers operated by the Royal Navy to 54, are needed to maintain the Navy's capability into the next century.

Manufacture of Harrier was BAe's biggest military aircraft programme last year, with large numbers of aircraft also being built for the US Marine Corps in collaboration with McDonnell Douglas, of the United States.

However, BAe's military aircraft workload is now rising fast, thanks to an order for 48 Tornado bombers from Saudi Arabia and a contract to supply Indonesia with 24 Hawk trainers.

In spite of the recent inflow of orders for aircraft and ammunition, job losses at BAe are expected to continue.

The company, which is Britain's biggest manufacturer, is seeking to cut costs and improve efficiency as it competes against foreign rivals for overseas sales to compensate for stagnant defence spending in Britain.

UK carmakers defy recession in Europe

CAR production in Britain rose by 6.47 per cent last year, from 1,291,880 vehicles to 1,375,573, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said. But the society said that manufacturers were still suffering from the severe recession on the Continent, and 1993 output of cars for export was down by 9.58 per cent. Production of commercial vehicles fell by 22.15 per cent, to 193,414 vehicles; export output, at 91,113, was more than 30 per cent down on 1992's 130,000. In December, output of cars for foreign markets slumped by 41 per cent, year on year, to just 32,059.

The recession abroad has made the UK the focus for car firms both at home and abroad. Renault UK has announced the world's first accident management scheme, which takes care of Renault owners involved in crashes. The package is free to customers, the cost being borne by the company. Renault pushed UK sales up 27 per cent, while suffering an overall 16.2 per cent decline in Europe. The Motor Industry Research Unit will announce today that European car sales may rise by only 1.5 per cent this year, to 11.6 million registrations, stimulated by slight revival in Germany.

Work counselling call

EMPLOYERS should provide workplace counselling, according to a survey published today. It shows that four out of five employees believe their bosses ought to offer a confidential service counselling them on problems at work. The survey for TDA, the human resources consultant, carried out by MORI, shows that 80 per cent of employees believe that their employer ought to provide a work counselling service. It also shows that almost two thirds of employees in the public sector have access to workplace counselling, while only two fifths do so in the private sector.

Accounting dispute

AN INFLUENTIAL group of accountants has clashed with the Auditing Practices Board over new rules that may be imposed on finance directors. The Working Group on Going Concern, which is advising the Cadbury Committee, said it was withholding final recommendations to the committee on corporate governance until the dispute had been resolved. Rodney Baker-Bates, working group chairman, said the board's definition of the foreseeable future, used in establishing whether a company was a "going concern", was based on a "theoretical rather than a practical point of view".

Stirling chairman quits

PETER Sheldon, chairman and chief executive of Stirling Group, the Marks and Spencer clothing supplier, has left it after a boardroom dispute. Company sources say that he wanted the lossmaking import division to ride out difficult trading, but the other directors wanted it to focus on core customers. Loss-of-office compensation has yet to be agreed. Mr Sheldon's last reported salary package, including performance-linked pay, was £190,000 a year. Robert Coe is made non-executive chairman. Steven Bentwood becomes chief executive, and remains head of the contract division.

General Electric ahead

GENERAL Electric, the US engineering to electronics combine, said fourth quarter revenues for 1993 rose 12 per cent to $18.09 billion ($16.20 billion). For the full year, revenues rose 6 per cent to $60.6 billion ($57.07 billion). General Electric said that 11 of 12 businesses improved net earnings, with ten achieving double-digit increases. All businesses, with the exception of aircraft engines, improved operating margins a point or more. This brought GE's operating margin to a peak 12.5 per cent. Cash generated from operating activities was a record $5.2 billion.

LWT wait is extended

THE Office of Fair Trading has extended by another 15 days the period for consideration of the £716 million hostile bid by Granada Group for LWT (Holdings), its fellow independent television franchise holder. The extension has been made because the workload of Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, who has received the OFT's recommendations, does not allow him to rule on them yet. Under the City Takeover Code, the clock remains stopped on the bid until a decision arrives, possibly early next week.

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INTERIM RESULTS

INCOME STATEMENT	*Six months ended 31 Dec 1993 R000	*Six months ended 31 Dec 1992 R000	Year ended 30 June 1993 R000
Sales revenue	118 297	-	49 368
Cost of sales	176 280	-	100 096
On-mine costs	163 042	-	135 926
Freight, realisation and refining costs	7 484	-	3 645
(Increase)/Decrease in stock	5 754	-	(39 475)
Operating loss	(57 983)	-	(50 728)
Other income	1 704	1 063	14 105
Interest paid	(2 052)	(7 250)	(1 136)
Loss before tax	(58 331)	(6 187)	(37 759)
Tax	-	-	-
Loss after tax	(58 331)	(6 187)	(37 759)
Income transferred to fixed assets	-	6 187	11 295
Transfer to non-distributable reserves	-	-	(8 069)
	(58 331)	-	(47 123)
Shares in issue (Thousands)	81 792	57 600	81 792

*Unaudited

BALANCE SHEET	*At 31 December 1993 R000	*At 31 December 1992 R000	At 30 June 1993 R000
Fixed assets	1 489 185	1 384 848	1 448 343
Loan advanced	22 317	75 041	22 804
Net current assets/(liabilities)	32 046	(201 816)	39 966
Current assets	76 362	35 045	84 193
Cash	11 581)	994	5 189
Less current liabilities	42 735	237 855	49 316
	1 543 548	1 198 073	1 511 113
Share capital	1 550 167	1 198 073	1 550 167
Non-distributable reserve	8 069	-	8 069
Accumulated loss	(105 454)	-	(47 123)
Loan	90 766	-	-
	1 543 548	1 198 073	1 511 113

*Unaudited

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FINANCIAL RESULTS

Production commenced on 1 January 1993. Prior to this date all income and expenditure was capitalised.

There was a significant increase in sales revenues in the six months to December 1993 relative to the previous six months, where sales were affected by the build-up in the metal stocks pipeline following the commencement of production.

On-mine costs and freight, realisation and refining costs were higher, in line with increased production and sales volumes respectively.

The operating loss can be ascribed to production being below planned levels and the fact that a fixed cost structure for full production is largely in place.

The company has secured a loan facility of R220 million from its bankers to fund these losses and capital expenditure which totalled R41 million for the six months to December 1993. At 31 December 1993, R90,8 million of the loan facility had been utilised.

PRODUCTION RESULTS

The production results are detailed below:

	Six months ended 31 December 1993	Six months ended 31 December 1992	Year ended 30 June 1993
Tons milled	621 000	357 000	835 000
Head grade g/t (3 PGE + Au)	5,4	5,9	5,7
Refined metal produced			
Platinum (kg)	1 703	-	1 595
Palladium (kg)	788	-	652
Rhodium (kg)	134	-	17

Tons milled for the six months under review were some 74 per cent higher than the 1992 comparative period and some 30 per cent higher than the six months ended June 1993. Despite this improvement, the mill production rate was below expectations. The main reasons therefor were the loss of a large number of stope panels midway through the period under review as a result of a higher than anticipated incidence of facies changes between the first order pothole reef and reefoces within the pothole reef, the continued high-frequency of second order potholes, which in certain cases resulted in mining being stopped owing to grade considerations, and the traditional difficulties of a new mine in establishing a stable and skilled production team.

The loss of face available for mining reduced mining flexibility and this, together with excessive waste mining caused by the re-establishment of faces after encountering the various facies changes, resulted in a decline in the head grade.

The significant increase in the production of rhodium in the six months under review can be ascribed to the lock-up of rhodium material in the metallurgical process having reached an equilibrium by the end of June 1993.

OUTLOOK

A number of new stopes have been and are being prepared to increase face availability. Steps are also being taken to address the aforementioned staffing problems and this, together with the increased face availability, should result in a further improvement in production over the six months to June 1994.

A copy of the interim report will be posted to shareholders. Copies are also available from the Company's London Office.

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CBI hits at EC works council plan

FROM GEORGE BROCK
IN BRUSSELS

THE EC's planned directive on compulsory pan-European works councils for multinational companies should be abandoned, a Confederation of British Industry delegation told Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission.

Howard Davies, the CBI's Director-General, told M Delors that the majority of Europe's employers were against the proposed EC law and failed to see how it could help to cut unemployment in the community, now approaching 20 million. Addressing a meeting before seeing M Delors, Mr Davies said it was "inconceivable" that the directive could help to enhance competitiveness or generate employment.

"It is therefore quite remarkable," he said, "that European social affairs ministers ... should be spending most of their time arguing about it."

Mr Davies said M Delors' recent White Paper for EC leaders on ways to boost growth and cut jobless queues flirted with ideas such as shorter working weeks or job-sharing, which would not solve the problem and devoted too little attention to making labour markets more flexible. Governments had to accept that there was "no special dispensation for the EC to operate social and employment systems which are radically more costly than those which obtain elsewhere in the world."

The CBI also told M Delors that the timetable for monetary union in the Maastricht treaty was unrealistic.

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Bidders line up for The Independent ☐ Restructuring at BOC ☐ One rule for them. . .

High noon at City Road

☐ THE next few days are expected to herald the beginning of the end of Newspaper Publishing — proprietors of *The Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday* — in terms of its current corporate structure. Capital is required: enter, in all probability, Mirror Group Newspapers in the shape of a Sugar Daddy, the unknown quantity being to what extent Newspaper Publishing will be raped or caressed in respect of its much prized "independence".

Andreas Whittam Smith, founder editor of *The Independent* and deputy chairman of Newspaper Publishing, has cast his net wide in recent months. Talks, of varying intensity, have taken place with David Montgomery, at MGN, Conrad Black, proprietor of *The Daily Telegraph*, Associated Newspapers (*The Daily Mail*), and United Newspapers (*The Daily Express*). Tentative talks have also taken place with TV moguls including Michael Green at Carlton (busy absorbing Central) and Lord Hollick at MAI (equally busy absorbing Anglia).

Whittam Smith, a once-upon-a-time city editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, talked long and hard with Black before focusing on MGN. Just to complicate matters, Tony O'Reilly, chairman of Independent Newspapers, based in Ireland, is mindful to make an offer for 25 per cent/30 per cent of NP, irrespective of any MGN proposal.

Whittam Smith, along with co-directors and founder shareholders Adrian O'Neill and Matthew Symonds, collectively speak for some 10 per cent of Newspaper Publishing's equity and, more to the point, appear to carry the support of key European shareholders, *La Repubblica* of Italy and *El Pais* of Spain: each with an 18.6 per cent stake.

With the Whittam Smith "solution" expected shortly the onus falls on non executive chairman Ian Hay Davison and his non-executive colleague Sir Kit McMahon, former chairman of the Midland Bank, to mull over other shareholders' interests. Hay Davison's camp, with an eye to *The Guardian*'s recent purchase of *The Observer*, point to a value of at least three-quarters of NP's annual revenue of some £80 million: namely £60 million or £3 per share. The Whittam Smith/Euro camp, advised by Schroders, are said to be prepared to wave in MGN at a price of nearer £2 per share, taking into account the ongoing scale of capital investment and costs associated with the termination of property and printing contracts.

Institutional shareholders, embracing the likes of Standard Life, Foreign & Colonial and Scottish Amicable, are, by and large, perceived as willing sellers — some having originally bought in at around £1 per share in 1986. The Europeans, expected to end up with some 50 per cent, paid nearer £4, against a current market quote of £1 50p.

Whatever the MGN deal, Hay Davison may have little option other than to encourage an auction.

When bad news seems good news

☐ TWO items of bad news from BOC, the gases and healthcare group. First, chairman Patrick Rich is having to retire early due to ill health. He makes no secret that this is connected to the extraordinary stresses imposed on him, as on so many managers throughout industry, during the recession. Second, the group is

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having to make a provision against profits of £85 million for restructuring and redundancy.

Result: BOC shares jump 20p to 686p on the stock market. This has nothing to do with Mr Rich's personal misfortune but everything to do with the magic word restructuring. All a company has to do to please the stock market, it seems, is to incur huge charges against its profits to reduce overheads. Even the change in accounting standards, which at last makes it clear that such charges come out of profits — and therefore out of shareholders' pockets — does not seem to have changed attitudes in the way it should, since City analysts merely eliminate such one-off costs from computer projections of companies' earnings trends. In BOC's case, there is at least some concrete basis for the reaction. The group expects to cut costs by about £20 million this year and and £58 million a year in 1997. That is a high return by any standard and higher than most companies achieve by such cuts, perhaps because, in the healthcare business, most are not just job cuts. In this instance, therefore, the net effect may indeed increase the value of shares in BOC and the company deserves credit for what appears to be an extensive world-wide exercise.

Yet the predictable gut reactions of the stock market are depressing. They bespeak a culture of decline, in which sales growth, internal expansion and new developments to spread overheads are seen as something not to be relied on. Only a day earlier, for instance, Tesco pleased the market by making heavy cuts in its expansion plans, promising fewer and smaller new stores. Realism, rationalisation and cuts are seen as the path to financial health and higher margins. That is clearly true in recession. But in a more normal economic climate, one-off heavy restructuring should be taken as a sign of failure rather than success. It should be taken for granted that managers continually put pressure on costs of existing production to release resources for expansion. And when a company trims its plans for future growth, that is no cause for celebration. Even in a stock market boom, bad news cannot always be passed off as good news.

These subsidies must end now

☐ BRITAIN forced state firms operating in competitive businesses to put their houses in order before returning them to the private sector. Most have held their own much better than they would have done under the false protection of the state. In the end, they are better off than state companies of France and Italy, which must change their culture under European Community regimes that forbid state subsidies, other than the equivalent of a rights issue to finance reform. Not surprisingly, continental governments are cheating. Under the guise of reform, they are still pumping in money to the detriment of commercial groups such as British Steel and British Airways — and at the cost of British jobs. If only the commission would at last enforce its own directives. Don't hold your breath.

British Airways is rightly trying to forestall the latest attempt to prop up Air France. It complains that a previous capital injection was illegal because it was not used to make the state airline stand on its own feet. Since the French Government pulled the rug from beneath the boss of Air France when he tried to push through the new reform programme, it has become clear that the proposed cash injection is just another subsidy to allow the airline to pursue its strategic European ambitions freed of normal financial constraints.

Even worse is the case of Bull, the French computer champion. French industrial policy has scored great successes but the dogged, over-ambitious expansion of Bull is not one of them. Even the commission smells a rat over the latest £300 million injection, questioning whether it is a rational investment with any hope of making a return. The answer is plainly no.

Spring Ram calls on shareholders for £42m

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

SPRING Ram, the current management of which assures the City that it is the "new broom", is raising a net £42.2 million, via a two-for-nine rights issue at 53p a share. The aim is to cut borrowings and to expand.

The kitchens and bathroom group, which has issued at least three profit warnings in the past eight months, says there are plenty of attractive opportunities it wants to pursue — including acquisitions — and that it wants to strengthen its balance sheet. Institutional pressure led last July to extensive boardroom changes at Spring Ram.

Roger Regan, installed as chairman on July 27, said when he took up his post that Spring Ram had 62 group directors. Since his appointment, 29 of them — including Bill Rooney, the former chief executive and founder — have gone, with a collective compensation package totalling £1.4 million.

Mr Regan said his business relationship with Mr Rooney remained "cordial and constructive".

The 1993 year, the ending of which Mr Regan celebrated in some style in December, also included the replacement of the group's broker and auditors.

Mr Regan said yesterday that it was important for everybody "to be able to draw a line under the recent past and to focus on the future". He added: "When I moved in, cash was haemorrhaging at an alarming rate. I am now confident that the group is well positioned for that future."

Spring Ram shares yesterday jumped 9p, to 76p.

The group has estimated that the pre-tax loss for the year to January 1 will not exceed £36.5 million, equivalent to a net loss of 11p a share. Despite this, Spring Ram intends to recommend a nominal final net dividend of 0.1p a share.

It forecasts, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, that the dividend for this financial year will be not less than 0.5p a share — which would be the highest payment in the group's history.

In the longer term, Spring Ram intends to pursue "a progressive dividend policy with an appropriate level of dividend cover", the rights document says. Restated audited figures for 1992 show a pre-tax profit of £21.1 million, which is equivalent to net earnings of 3.6p a share.

Mr Regan said the group had strong market positions in its principal businesses in kitchen and bathroom products. Losses are, however, still being recorded by Artisan Tile and Regency Doors.

Borrowings stand at £35 million, equivalent to gearing of 38 per cent, which the board aims to reduce to about 10 per cent by the end of the current financial year.

The group realised £3.7 million from property disposals, but believes that proceeds from the rump still to be sold will be insignificant.

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Kingfisher hit in fight on prices

THE intensifying price competition in the high street took its toll on Kingfisher, the B&Q to Woolworths retail combine, which surprised the City yesterday with a disappointing trading statement (Susan Gilchrist writes.)

The share price tumbled 37p to 678p as analysts downgraded their profit forecasts by up to £25 million to about £300 million.

Overall sales rose by 4 per cent in the 24 weeks to January 15. However, like-for-like sales at Comet dropped by 3.3 per cent, hit by the sharp fall in computer game sales.

Sales at Darty declined by 7 per cent, and like-for-like sales at Woolworths increased by only 3.3 per cent compared with double digit gains in the first half.

Gateway opts for name change in £200m revamp

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE Gateway name is set to disappear from the high street after a decision by the struggling supermarket group to bring all its stores under the Somerfield brand name as part of a £200 million refurbishment programme.

The move is aimed at reviving the fortunes of the chain, which has suffered a squeeze on profits and undergone three financial restructurings since its £2.2 billion highly leveraged buyout in 1989.

The Gateway Group will change its name to Somerfield Holdings from the start of the new financial year on May 1.

Most of the 570 Gateway stores will be refurbished and renamed over the next two years. The cost of the programme, which excludes the 25 Food Giant discount outlets and 60 existing Somerfield sites, was envisaged at the time of the group's restructuring last April.

David Simons, chief executive, said that the decision to change the name followed a six-month trial of a new trading formula in eight pilot stores, four under the Gateway name and four under the Somerfield name.

He said: "Although there was little difference in the financial results, the overwhelming message from customers was that they understood the credibility of the change inside the stores when the name was changed as well."

Sales in the stores with the new format, which includes a higher proportion of fresh food and a more aggressive stance on pricing, have risen by about 11 per cent.

The decision to sharpen prices follows the success of the group's Price Check campaign, launched last May, which attracted an extra one million customers per week and lifted sales by 20 per cent. "The extra volume is more than paying for the investment in margin," Mr Simons said.

Further evidence of the downward pressure on prices came from Budgens, which said that sustained aggressive competition was having an adverse effect on pricing, and predicted continuing deflationary pressures in the forseeable future.

The supermarket group's pre-tax profits fell from £3.07 million to £3.05 million in the six months to November 11 because of a £618,000 charge relating to the conversion of Budgens outlets to the Penny Market discount format.

The company is resuming the payment of interim dividends at 0.3p.

Carpetright in growth race

BY OUR CITY STAFF

CARPETRIGHT, the carpet retailer headed by Sir Philip Harris and which came to market last June, has stepped up its expansion programme to steal a march on Carpetland, its main rival, which bought Allied last month.

Sir Philip said that its rivals' merger, which may see rationalisation of outlets in smaller towns, gave his group "an opportunity to fill in the gaps". Expansion of Carpetright has been increased from between 20 and 25 stores a year to more than 30 a year to create a chain of 240 stores, 40 more than planned at flotation.

Sir Philip's remarks came as he unveiled Carpetright's first results as a public company. Pre-tax profits leapt by 62 per cent, from £3.4 million to £5.5 million, for the 26 weeks to October 30, against a 28-week period last year. Higher volumes saw operating margins grow from 8.4 per cent to 10.4 per cent.

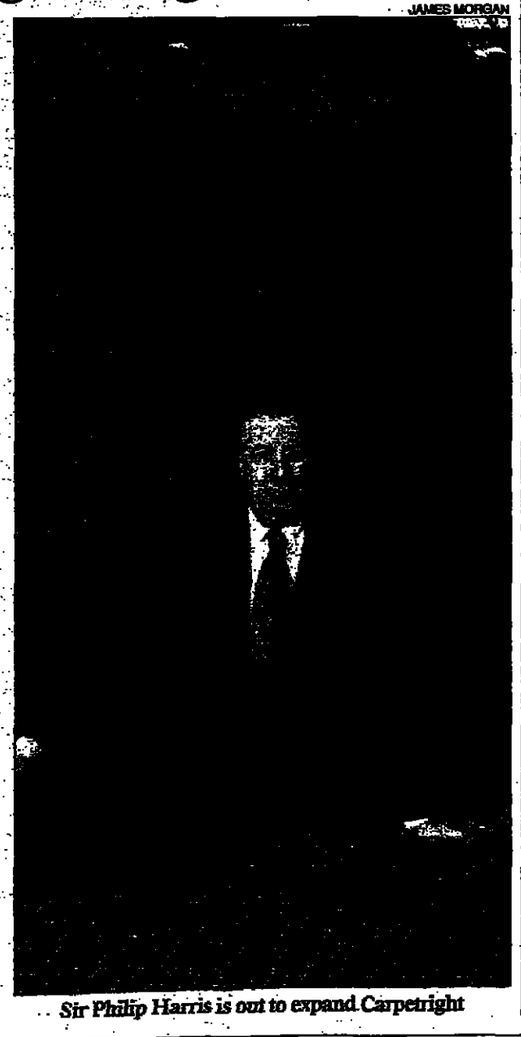
Like-for-like sales were 19 per cent up on last year in a declining carpet market. Sir Philip said that market share had risen from 6 per cent to 9 per cent since June, mostly at the expense of smaller independent retailers. He predicted that market share could eventually exceed 20 per cent. Thirteen stores were opened in the first half and 20 are planned in the second half, to make 147.

The group is exploring opportunities in Europe and the possibility of launching an up-market carpet chain in Britain.

The maiden interim dividend is 2.7p.

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JAMES MORGAN



Sir Philip Harris is out to expand Carpetright

Gestetner jobs to go after loss

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

ABOUT 600 jobs are to go this year at Gestetner, the photocopier group, that revealed yesterday a plunge into the red of £33.2 million against a £27 million profit in the previous 12 months.

Most workers will be shed in Europe, where the company said it saw the biggest falls in trading profits in the UK, France, Italy and Spain. Redundancy costs form part of the £43.5 million restructuring charge that pushed Gestetner into losses, although even at trading levels profits of continuing operations fell sharply to £28.6 million (£44 million) in the year to October 31, 1993.

Directors said: "Unit sales of copiers, digital duplicators and fax were all ahead of last year, but margins have been under pressure in most areas as the full effect of product cost increases has not been able to be passed on to the market."

A token of the new austerity is a big cut in total dividend to 3p (8.2p) via a 1.2p final, against a backdrop of net debt increasing to £129 million from £94.7 million. Steve King, finance director, said a priority in 1994 was to reduce gearing, 66 per cent at the year-end, significantly.

Gestetner, where Ricoh of Japan and Inchcape are major shareholders, predicted no radical improvement in mainland Europe this year, but said Asia had significant growth prospects.

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AIM GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.18m (£2.82m)
EPS: 5.4p (15.9p)
Div: 1.5p (1.5p)

Turnover fell to £15.5m (£20.4m). The company said that the aircraft interiors market remains weak. There is scrip dividend alternative.

CITY SITE ESTATES (Fin)
Pre-tax: £349,000
LPS: 5p (120p)
Div: —

There was a provision-laden loss of £18.1m last time. Turnover dipped to £9.93m (£11m). Fully diluted net asset value rose to 122p (109p).

CREST PACKAGING (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.43m (£2.36m)
EPS: 3.63p (3.95p)
Div: —

Turnover rose to £21.6m (£20.2m). Company said that sales for 1993-94 remain ahead of the previous year, but competition in the UK is tough.

HAMPSON INDUSTRIES
Pre-tax: £2.48m (£1.69m)
EPS: 2.21p (1.41p)
Div: 0.5p (0.4p)

Interim results. Turnover advanced to £43.5m (£35.4m). Borowings cut by 72%, to £5.98m. Group expects an improvement in the second half.

HILL & SMITH HLDGS
Pre-tax: £4.03m (£1.53m)
EPS: 9.91p (1.95p)
Div: 4.1p, mkg 6.2p

Final results. Turnover edged up to £67m (£66.4m). Company said all its businesses were profitable, except for the forging division.

McKAY SECURITIES (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.35m
EPS: 4.00p (2.9p)
Div: 2.1p (nil)

Last time's profit was £877,000. Total revenues slipped to £5.28m (£5.35m). Gross rental income in second half is expected to fall.

WNEY MACKAY-LEWIS
Pre-tax: £282,000 loss
LPS: 4.3p (3.7p)
Div: —

Interim results. There was a loss of £353,000 last time. Turnover fell to £1.3m (£1.97m). Order book has increased substantially.

WILLIAM RANSOM & SON
Pre-tax: £285,000
EPS: 1.22p (1.24p)
Div: 0.789p (0.525p)

Interim results. There was a profit of £289,000 last time. Turnover slipped to £8.31m (£8.4m). Group said third quarter was patchy.

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Setback for shares after hectic trading

TRADING on the equity market was again frenetic, with turnover topping more than a billion shares as speculation about an early cut in interest rates intensified.

But this failed to be reflected in the main indicators. The *FT-SE 100 index took things* easier after Wednesday's record-breaking run to close 5.1 points lower at 3,470.0. The high-flying FT-SE Mid index of 250 shares also gave up some of its previous gains, finishing 43.4 down at 4,105.4.

There was light profit-taking which dealers said had been easily contained.

Fund managers are convinced a cut in interest rates is on the way, and there is still plenty of spare cash available to be invested in the market place. Television companies reacted badly to the news that the Office of Fair Trading had extended the deadline for consideration of Granada's £700 million bid for LWT by a further two weeks. **Granada** rose 9p to 575p and **LWT** 5p to 688p, but there were falls for **Anglia**, 8p lower at 659p, **Central**, 10p to £31.15, and **Scottish**, 5p to 511p.

Pharmaceuticals came under pressure after a markdown overnight in New York following disappointing figures from Pfizer. There were setbacks for **Glaxo**, 20p to 661p, **SmithKline Beecham A**, 7p to 432p, **Wellcome**, 2p to 681p and **Zeneca**, 16p to 808p. **British Aerospace** was a firm spot, adding 8p to 424p on the news that the Government had placed an order for Harrier aircraft worth £200 million. But further worries about a Government enquiry into its pricing structure left **BAA** 25p down at £10.31.

Standard Chartered surged 87p to £13.16 as Cazenove, the broker, told clients to *switch out of HSBC, down 8p* at 968p. **Babcock International** rose 3½p to 43½p as more than 9 million shares changed hands.

USM-quoted ***Kewill Systems*** jumped 18p to 246p as Kleinwort Benson placed almost 1 million shares (7½ per cent) at 230p, 5p above the current offer price.

Gestetner, the office and photographic equipment group, slipped 2p to 159p as it slashed the final dividend after plunging into the red last year with pre-tax losses of £33.2 million, compared with a profit of £27.1 million.

BP shrugged off a profits *downgrading from Morgan* Stanley with a rise of 4p to 372p.

Gold Greenlees Trott, the advertising agency, fell 13p to 255p after playing down recent talks with Young & Rubicam about the London market. The talks were described as exploratory.

Bass *slipped 16p to 592p* after telling shareholders at the AGM that pre-tax profits during the first 16 weeks of the current year were little changed on the corresponding period. Beer volume was up, but margins remained tight.

Kingfisher fell 37p to 678p after revealing that trading patterns over the Christmas period had been mixed.

BOC Group advanced 33p to 699p after warning that *signs of improvement on the* economic front were limited. The group is setting aside £85 million this year and Smith New Court, the broker, has cut its *pre-tax profits forecast* for the current year by £65 million to £260 million, but increased its estimate for 1995 by £30 million to £395 million.

□ ***GILT-EDGED:*** Further headway was made at the ultra long end, with prices adding around £½ in continuing response to this week's inflation figures. The March series of the **Long Gilt** eased three ticks at £119 29/32 as 71,000 contracts were completed. Benchmark **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** finished £9/32 better at £127 19/32, while in shorts **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** ended trading £3/32 easier at £115 27/32.

□ **NEW YORK:** US blue chips held small gains in midday activity as investors continued to focus on earnings. *The Dow Jones industrial average* was up 2.25 points to 3,886.62, off its 3,892.81 session high.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.5004 (-0.0089)
German mark .... 2.6047 (+0.0032)
Exchange index .... 82.7 (+0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3470.0 (-5.1)
Dow Jones .... 3886.62 (+2.25)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19183.92 (+144.52)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank 5⅜-5¼%
US Federal Funds 3%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.96-2.94%*
Long Bond 6.28%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5007*	£:$ 1.4996
$:DM .. 1.7370*	£:DM 2.6060
$:SWfr. 1.4538*	£:SWfr 2.1816
$:Ffr .. 5.9085*	£:Ffr 8.8585
$:Yen . 111.60*	£:Yen 167.25
£:SDR .. 1.0843	£:ECU 1.3450

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 392.40 .... PM 391.80
Close 393.00-393.50
New York:
Comex 388.25-388.75*

OIL

Brent Crude ... $13.90 per bbl (Mar)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.9 Dec (1.9%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.26	2.06
Austria Sch	19.25	17.75
Belgium Fr	57.29	52.89
Canada $	2.064	1.904
Cyprus Cyp£	0.810	0.760
Denmark Kr	10.71	9.91
Finland Mkk	9.12	8.32
France Fr	9.28	8.58
Germany Dm	2.75	2.54
Greece Dr	394.00	369.00
Hong Kong $	12.17	11.17
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2631.00	2476.00
Japan Yen	181.50	164.50
Malta	0.630	0.576
Netherlds Gld	3.060	2.830
Norway Kr	11.77	10.97
Portugal Esc	273.50	255.00
S Africa Rd	5.85	4.85
Spain Pta	220.00	206.00
Sweden Kr	12.63	11.83
Switzerland Fr	2.32	2.14
Turkey Lira	23621.0	22621.0
USA $	1.589	1.459

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

John D Wood back in black

By Martin Flanagan

JOHN D Wood, the quoted estate agent, bounced back into profit at half time and will pay a dividend for the first time in three years, providing evidence of a strengthening in the London housing market.

George Pope and Ian Homersham, joint chairmen, said London property values had increased 10 per cent last year. They disclosed pre-tax profits of £369,000 in the six months to October 31, after a £77,000 loss in the same period last time. The dividend is 0.75p, from earnings of 2.9p, against a loss of 0.9p a share last time.



Pope: dramatic change

Mr Pope said the favourable earnings/property values ratio made it the best time to buy a home in the past ten years. While sales had increased by more than 50 per cent and all eight sales offices has "done well", Mr Pope declined to give precise figures.

However, he said the turnover of £3.2 million was the largest enjoyed by the company in five years.

The change in the market was "very dramatic", Mr Pope. The rise in London house prices, responsible for *two-thirds of John D Wood's* business, began last January, he added.

Negative equity — where the value of someone's home is worth less than their outstanding mortgage — remained a problem for the housing industry, but John D Wood did not deal with many first-time buyers, Mr Pope said.

The company's country and agricultural department, which sells country homes and farms, is still incurring a slight loss, although transactions increased by more than 20 per cent.

Mr Pope noted that the rise in house prices had already begun to erode negative equity, and hoped this trend would continue.

The recovery in both volumes and house prices had been taking shape since the end of October and was expected to last, he added.

Germany holds off rate cuts

The Bundesbank kept offical German interest rates unchanged yesterday. The discount rate stays at 5.75 per cent and the *lombard rate* at 6.75 per cent.

German economists said the Bundesbank had held off from cutting rates to signal its intention to support the mark.

TV challenge

Thorn EMI, Sony, Time Warner and Philips are believed to be in talks to develop global, local language, music video television programmes that would mount the first serious challenge to Viacom, the industry leader, which runs the pop stations MTV and VH1.

Writ issued

Liquidators of BCCI said they were suing the six Gokal brothers, who once ran Gulf Group, the shipping concern, to try to recover unpaid debt estimated at £800 million. Fred Goodwin, who works with the liquidation team, said that a writ had been served.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Fairline Boats .... 382p (+17p)
Tilbury Douglas .... 728p (+20p)
Barratt Devs .... 273p (+13p)
Guinness .... 521p (+49p)

FALLS:
Hambros .... 453p (-11p)
Smiths Ind .... 499p (-27p)
CE Heath .... 437p (-14p)
London & Man .... 413p (-23p)
Vickers .... 182p (-11p)
Gen Accident .... 725p (-15p)
Takeda Chem .... 756½p (-21½p)
ICI .... 755½p (-12p)
Provident .... 529p (-30p)
Bass .... 592p (-16p)
Greenalls Group .... 485p (-14p)
Berkeley Group .... 545p (-15p)
J Mowlem .... 171p (-10p)
Wilson Bowden .... 547p (-12p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Aberforth Split Lvl C (100)	105	...
Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	95	...
Baring Emrg Euro	71¼	...
Baring Emrg Eur Wts	48¼	...
CLM Insce (100)	115	...
Chelsfield (155)	182	-2
DFS Furniture (260)	336	-9
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98	...
Finsbury Undrwrtng Inv	113	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	117½	-½
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	126	+2
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	62½	...
Gartmore (168)	219	-3
Pantheon Wts	83	...
Pilot Inv C (100)	113	...
Rackwood (40)	45	...
Rossmont (10)	11½	...
Securitised End Cont (60)	71	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Anglo Irish n/p (48)	19	+1
Cementone n/p (73)	15	...
Crest Nicholson n/p (88)	16	...
Europe Energy n/p (5)	8	-½
Halkin n/p (68)	1½	...
Ramus n/p (25)	1¼	...

WALL STREET

	Jan 20 midday	Jan 19 close
AMP Inc	63¾	63⅞
AMR Corp	70⅞	71¼
Abbott Labs	28⅞	29⅛
Aetna Life	58⅞	58⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅛	19⅛
Air Prod & Chem	48⅞	48⅞
Albertson's	26	26⅞
Alcan Aluminum	23⅞	23⅛
Alco Standard	58⅞	58⅞
Allied Signal	79	78⅞
Alum Co of Am	74⅞	74⅞
Amax Gold Inc	7⅛	7⅛
Amerada Hess	46⅞	46⅞
Amer Brands	34⅞	34⅛
Amer Cyanamid	48⅞	49⅛
Amer El Power	35⅞	35⅞
Amer Express	30⅞	30⅞
Amer Genl Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Amer Home Pr	64⅞	64⅞
Amer Intl	87⅞	86
Amer Stores	42⅞	43
Amer T & T	56⅛	55⅞
Ameritech	77⅞	78⅞
Amoco	54⅞	54⅞
Anheuser-Busch	48⅞	48⅞
Apple Computer	29⅞	29⅞
Archer Daniels	25⅞	25⅞
Arkla	8⅞	8⅞
Armco	6⅞	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	55⅞	57⅞
Asarco	24	23⅞
Ashland Oil	37⅞	37⅞
Atl Richfield	107	108
Auto Data Pro	52⅞	53
Avery Dennison	28⅞	28⅞
Avon Products	53⅞	54
Baker Hughes	21⅞	21⅞
Baltim Gas & El	24⅞	24⅞
Banc One	35⅞	35⅞
BankAmerica	45⅞	46⅞
Bank of NY	55⅞	55⅞
Bankers Tr NY	78⅞	77⅞
Barnett Banks	40⅞	40⅞
Bausch & Lomb	48⅞	48⅞
Baxter Intl	24	24⅞
Becton Dickinsn	35	35⅞
Bell Atlantic	56⅞	56
BellSouth	57⅞	56⅞
Black & Decker	20⅞	20⅞
Block (H&R)	43	43⅞
Boeing	44⅞	44⅞
Boise Cascade	26⅞	26⅞
Borden Inc	15⅞	15⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅞	58⅞
Browning Ferris	29⅞	29
Brunswick	19⅞	19⅞
Burlington Nthn	60⅞	61
CBS	290	290⅞
CNA Financial	76⅞	77⅞
CPC Intl	47	47
CSX	88	88⅞
Campbell Soup	39⅞	39⅞
Can Pacific	18	18
Cptl Cities ABC	661	665
Cptl Holdings	35⅞	35⅞
Carolina Pwr	27⅞	28⅞
Caterpillar	95⅞	93⅞
Central & SW	28⅞	29⅞
Champion Intl	35⅞	35⅞
Chase Manhat	35⅞	35⅞
Chemical Bk	38⅞	38⅞
Chevron Corp	90⅞	90
Chrysler	60⅞	61
Chubb Corp	80⅞	79⅞
Cigna Corp	67⅞	66⅞
Citicorp	39⅞	40⅞
Clorox	53⅞	53⅞
Coastal Corp	30⅞	30
Coca Cola	41⅞	41⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	60⅞	59⅞
Columbia Gas	26	26⅞
Commonw Ed	22⅞	22
Compaq Comp	80	79⅞
Comp Ass Intl	41⅞	44⅞
Conagra	26⅞	26⅞
Cons Edison	30	30
Cons Nat Gas	46⅞	46⅞
Cons Rail	67⅞	67⅞
Cooper Inds	51⅞	52
Corning Inc	30⅞	30⅞
Crown Cork	39	38⅞
Dana Corp	57⅞	58⅞
Dayton Hudson	67⅞	66⅞
Deere	78⅞	78⅞
Delta Air Lines	55⅞	56
Deluxe Corp	37⅞	37⅞
Detroit Edison	29⅞	29⅞
Digital Equip	32⅞	32⅞
Dillard Dept St	34⅞	34⅞
Disney (Walt)	47⅞	47⅞
Dominion Res	42⅞	43⅞
Donelley (RR)	30⅞	30⅞
Dover Corp	59⅞	60
Dow Chemical	61	60⅞
Dow Jones	38⅞	38⅞
Dresser	22⅞	22⅞
Duke Power	41⅞	41⅞
Dun & Brdstreet	62⅞	61⅞
Du Pont	53⅞	53⅞
Eastman Kodak	42⅞	43
Eaton Corp	56⅞	56
Emerson Elec	62⅞	62⅞
Engelhard Corp	26	26⅞
Enron Corp	32⅞	32⅞
Ethyl Corp	18⅞	18⅞
Exxon	65⅞	65⅞
FMC Corp	50	49⅞
FPL Group	36⅞	36⅞
Federal Express	73⅞	74⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	84⅞	84⅞
First Chicago	43⅞	43⅞
First Interstate	66⅞	66⅞
First Union Rlty	10	10
Fleet Fnl Grp	34⅞	33⅞
Fluor Corp	43⅞	43⅞
Ford Motor	66⅞	67⅞
GTE Corp	34⅞	34⅞
Gannett	57⅞	57⅞
Gap Inc Del	41⅞	42⅞
Gen Dynamics	94⅞	93⅞
Gen Electric	108⅞	108⅞
Gen Mills	58⅞	58⅞
Gen Motors	60⅞	61
Gen Reinsurance	105⅞	104
Gen Signal	36⅞	36⅞
Genuine Parts	38⅞	38⅞
Georgia Pac	75⅞	75
Gillette	60	60
Glaxo ADR	19⅞	20⅞
Goodrich (BF)	41⅞	43⅞
Goodyear Tire	46⅞	47⅞
Grace (WR)	43	43⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24⅞	24⅞
Great Wstn Fin	19⅞	19⅞
Halliburton	33⅞	34⅞
Harcourt General	34⅞	35⅞
Heinz (HJ)	34⅞	34⅞
Hercules	109⅞	109⅞
Hershey Foods	48	48⅞
Hewlett Packard	84⅞	84⅞
Hilton Hotels	65	65⅞
Home Depot	37⅞	37⅞
Homestake Mng	23⅞	23⅞
Honeywell	32⅞	32⅞
Household Intl	31⅞	31⅞
Houston Inds	44⅞	44⅞
Humana	19	18⅞
ITT Corp	95⅞	94⅞
Illinois Tool	41	42
INCO	28⅞	28⅞
Ingersoll-Rand	39⅞	39
Inland Steel	36⅞	36⅞
Intel Corp	63⅞	62⅞
IBM	55⅞	56
Intl Flav & Fr	38⅞	117⅞
Intl Paper	74	74⅞
James River Va	19⅞	19⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41⅞	42⅞
K Mart	19⅞	19⅞
Kellogg	55⅞	54⅞
Kerr-McGee	45⅞	45⅞
Kimberly-Clark	52⅞	52⅞
Knight-Ridder	56⅞	56⅞
Lilly (Eli)	59⅞	59⅞
Limited Inc	17⅞	17⅞
LIN Brdcstng	111	110⅞
Lincoln Nat	41⅞	41⅞
Litton	70⅞	70⅞
Liz Claiborne	22	22⅞
Lockheed Corp	64⅞	64⅞
Louisiana Pac	43⅞	43⅞
MCI Commun	27⅞	27⅞
Marriott Int	28⅞	28⅞
Marsh & McLen	81⅞	81
Masco Corp	37⅞	36⅞
May Dept St	39⅞	39⅞
Maytag Corp	18⅞	17⅞
McCaw Cellular	53⅞	53
McDonalds	58⅞	58⅞
McDonnell D	114⅞	112⅞
McGraw Hill	67⅞	68⅞
Mead Corp	47⅞	47⅞
Medtronic	80⅞	80⅞
Mellon Bk	54⅞	54⅞
Melville Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Merck Inc	35⅞	35⅞
Merrill Lynch	41⅞	41⅞
Minnesota Mine	111⅞	111⅞
Mobil Corp	79⅞	79⅞
Monsanto	78	80
Morgan (JP)	69⅞	70
Motorola Inc	101⅞	101⅞
Natl Medical	15⅞	15⅞
Natl Semi	18⅞	18⅞
Natl Service Ind	26⅞	26⅞
Navistar Int	26⅞	26⅞
NBD Bancorp	29⅞	29⅞
NY Times A	28⅞	28⅞
Newmont Mng	57	57⅞
Niag Mohawk	19⅞	19⅞
Nike B	52	51⅞
NL Industries	6⅞	5⅞
Nordstrom	33⅞	33⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	73⅞	74
Nthn State Pwr	42⅞	42⅞
Norwest Corp	24⅞	24⅞
Nynex Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Occidental Pet	18	18
Ohio Edison	21⅞	21⅞
Oracle Systems	33⅞	32⅞
Oryx Energy Co.	16⅞	17⅞
Owens Corning	42⅞	42⅞
PNC Financial	28⅞	28⅞
PPG Industries	77⅞	76⅞
Paccar Inc	57⅞	57⅞
Pacificorp	18⅞	18⅞
Pac Enterprises	23	23
Pac Gas & Elect	32⅞	33⅞
Pac Telesis	56⅞	56⅞
Pall Corp	19⅞	18⅞
Panhandle East	24	24⅞
Paramnt Comm	80	79⅞
Parker Hannifin	37⅞	37
Penney (JC)	51⅞	51⅞
Pennzoil	54	55⅞
Pepsico	39⅞	40⅞
Pfizer	62⅞	63⅞
Phelps Dodge	52	53⅞
Philadel Elec	29⅞	29⅞
Philip Morris	57⅞	57⅞
Phillips Pet	29	29⅞
Pitney Bowes	42⅞	42
Polaroid	35⅞	35⅞
PriceCostco	18⅞	18⅞
Procter & Gambl	58⅞	58⅞
Pub Serv E & G	30⅞	30
Quaker Oats	65	65⅞
Ralston Purina	37⅞	37⅞
Raychem Corp	36⅞	36⅞
Raytheon	68⅞	67⅞
Reebok Intl	32⅞	32⅞
Reynolds Metals	47⅞	47⅞
Roadway Srvcs	63⅞	63⅞
Rockwell Intl	39⅞	39⅞
Rohm & Haas	58	58⅞
Royal Dutch	108	108⅞
Rubbermaid	31⅞	32
Safeco Corp	55⅞	55⅞
St Paul's Cos	87⅞	87⅞
Salomon Inc	45⅞	45⅞
Santa Fe Pac	25	25⅞
Sara Lee Corp	23⅞	23⅞
Seecorp	19⅞	19⅞
Schering Plough	63⅞	64⅞
Schlumberger	59⅞	60⅞
Scott Paper	42⅞	42⅞
Seagram	29⅞	29⅞
Sears Roebuck	51⅞	50⅞
Shell Trans	65⅞	66
Sherwin Wlms	35	34⅞
Skyline Corp	20⅞	20⅞
Snap-On-Tools	41⅞	41⅞
Southern Co	43⅞	43⅞
Sthwestern Bell	40	39⅞
Sprint Corp	36	36⅞
Stanley Works	43	42⅞
Sun Company	31⅞	31⅞
Sun Microsys	27⅞	27⅞
Suntrust	45⅞	45⅞
Supervalu	38⅞	38⅞
Syntex Corp	15⅞	15⅞
Sysco Corp	27⅞	27⅞
TRW Inc	73⅞	72⅞
Tandem Comp	13⅞	12⅞
Tandy Corp	43⅞	44⅞
Telecom Corp	3⅞	3⅞
Teledyne	25⅞	26⅞
Temple Inland	53⅞	53⅞
Tenneco	55⅞	55⅞
Texaco	65⅞	65⅞
Texas Inst	70⅞	69⅞
Texas Utilities	38⅞	38⅞
Textron	58⅞	59⅞
Time Warner	40⅞	39⅞
Times-Mirror	35⅞	35⅞
Timken	34⅞	34⅞
Torchmark	45⅞	45⅞
Toys R Us	37	38⅞
Transamerica	55⅞	55⅞
Travelers	39⅞	39⅞
Tribune	59⅞	60
Tyco Labs	50⅞	50⅞
UAL Corp	143⅞	143⅞
UST Inc	28⅞	28⅞
USX Marathon	16⅞	17
Unilever NV	116⅞	117
Union Camp	50⅞	50⅞
Union Carbide	24⅞	25
Union Pacific	64⅞	66⅞
Unisys Corp	12⅞	13
USAIR Group	14⅞	14⅞
USF&G Corp	14⅞	14⅞
US Life	38⅞	38⅞
US West	43⅞	43⅞
United Tech	67⅞	65⅞
Unocal Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Upjohn	29⅞	29⅞
VF Corp	45⅞	45⅞
WMX Tech	29⅞	30
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅞	25⅞
Warner-Lambert	64⅞	64⅞
Wells Fargo	132⅞	132⅞
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	45⅞	49⅞
Whirlpool	65⅞	65⅞
Whitman	16⅞	16⅞
Winn Dixie	50⅞	50⅞
Woolworth	25⅞	25⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44⅞	44⅞
Xerox	92⅞	93

ANTHONY HARRIS



Canny shoppers are befuddling data followers

The headlines, as usual, got it exactly wrong, but the markets didn't. What they have been celebrating is not the "fall" in sales (trivial enough *to be a statistical error), but* the fall in inflation — headlined as a rise. The December facts suggest gently rising sales and sharply *falling inflation, once allow*ance is made for this and that. What is not so clear is whether these trends are sustainable.

*The 0.2 per cent month-to-*month fall in retail sales may seem disappointing after boom-boom Christmas headlines, but seems to have *more to do with seasonal ad*justment (always a potential trap) than with the real situation. The same pattern appeared last year; what it shows is that in tight times, shoppers are cutting back on frivolities. The underlying trend is still upwards, but not very fast. The big question is whether spending has enough momentum to carry on after big tax increases due in April.

The bare figures suggest that it has not. Trend growth of less than 3 per cent might drop as low as 1.5 per cent after the tax hit — well below Budget forecasts, and too slow to sustain total growth or fiscal progress. Output, apart from a beat-the-Budget rush in the tobacco industry, is already flat, and might fall. However, there are two doubts about this picture. First, because the sales volume may be higher than the official figures suggest; and because the January figures may change the picture quite sharply, as they did last year, or they may disappoint.

Both traps exist because shoppers are concentrating on bargains, and their spending pattern has altered quite a lot since sector *weights were recalibrated* only three years ago. Imagine, for example, that supermarket bread has halved in price while corner shops still charge the same. Housewives will stock up at the supermarket; but the deflator for cash spending will assume that they still buy as much as before round the corner. They get more bread for their money than the figures show. The January effect is an extension of the same thing: shoppers are more inclined than ever before to wait for the sale *season; so the seasonal ad*justment goes wrong.

So far, so optimistic, but there is a catch. The sales season began early this winter, and this could be flattering news of both growth and inflation. This means that both the sales rise and the price fall between December *and January may be much* less than last year. The volume figure is still a game of wait and see; indications from the CBI retail survey *are quite encouraging.*

There can be little doubt, though, about prices; that is, no doubt, why the Bank of England is still advising the *Chancellor to hold interest* rates for now. There is less to cut from this year, and the inflation news will look bad. Professionals — even gilts *bulls — are already factor*ing in a nasty *blip* in the inflation figure this time next month, to an apparent rate of anything up to 3 per cent. *It is doubtful that the* investor in the street, or even the pension fund boardroom, is braced for this apparent bad news, so there could be a buying opportunity in gilts when it comes.

Do you want to buy, though? The surviving inflation fogeys in the City are back, advising you that the party is over, and that it is time to sell (a fact that should encourage contrarian investors); and it may be March or April before we can be sure whether the flow of *pleasant inflation surprises* is likely to continue.

The strongest reason to suppose that it will is, again, the change in shopping habits. *Ian Shepherdson, of* Greenwells, has charted sales volumes against price rises sector by sector, and produced a striking pattern: *where prices were held sta*ble, volumes last month were 6 per cent up on the previous year; where prices rose 4 per cent or more, there was no growth at *all.*

This suggests that it is consumers who will keep inflation low, and they will compress profit margins, too. Investment message: buy gilts on weakness, and only those companies that are cutting prices aggressively. Just as Walmart did in the US three years ago, they will hog all the growth.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	9,800	Cadbury	2,000	MEPC	809	Scot Power	2,000
Abbey Natl	3,300	Caradon	905	Marks Spr	3,300	Sears	6,100
Alld-Lyons	3,000	Carlton Cms	2,300	NFC	383	Svrn Trent	842
Anglian W	1,000	Coats Vyla	872	NatWst Bk	3,500	Shell Trans	3,000
Argyll Gp	4,300	Cm Union	3,200	Nat Power	6,300	Siebe	1,700
Arjo Wiggn	3,800	Courtaulds	799	Nth Wst W	1,100	SmKl Bch	9,300
ABrit Foods	47	Enterpr Oil	3,500	Nthrn Fds	2,700	Smith Nph	3,000
BAA	2,800	Forte	3,000	P & O	1,400	Southern Elec	507
BAT Inds	3,200	GRE	2,000	Pearson	4,700	Std Chartd	1,600
BOC	3,600	GUS	3,700	PowerGen	2,000	Sun Allnce	6,000
BP	10,000	Gen Acc	1,100	Prudential	8,700	TI Gp	543
BTR	8,100	Gen Elec	5,100	RMC	69	TSB	5,100
BT	6,900	Glaxo	8,200	RTZ	7,000	Tesco	16,000
Bk of Scot	4,400	Granada	2,000	Rank Org	540	Thames W	769
Barclays	3,800	Grand Met	5,200	Reckitt Col	452	Thrn EMI	804
Bass	5,200	Guinness	30,000	Redland	1,500	Tomkins	9,800
Blue Circle	2,900	HSBC	2,500	Reed Intl	1,400	Unilever	2,000
Boots	1,400	Hanson	7,800	Rentokil	691	Utd Bisc	3,700
Bowater	1,700	ICI	2,100	Reuters	960	Vodafone	1,500
Brit Aero	3,700	Inchcape	3,200	Rolls Royce	9,600	Warburg (SG)	306
Brit Airwys	7,200	Kingfisher	9,900	Ryl Ins	2,800	Wellcome	3,100
Brit Gas	12,000	Ladbroke	2,900	Ryl Bk Scot	1,100	Whitbrd 'A'	3,100
Brit Steel	27,000	Land Secs	1,700	Sainsbury	2,700	Wlms Hld	722
Burmah Cst	1,000	Legal & Gn	2,000	Schroders	0	Wolseley	359
Cable Wire	4,700	Lloyds Bk	4,700	Scot & New	2,700	Zeneca	4,900

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3886.62 (+2.25)
S&P Composite .... 473.69 (-0.61)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19183.92 (+144.52)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 11264.84 (-98.93)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 424.98 (-2.35)

Sydney: AO .... 2266.2 (+17.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2116.20 (-18.18)

FT 30 share: .... 2659.3 (+5.0)

Brussels:
General .... 7691.26 (-2.17)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2257.81 (-16.86)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... n/a

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1738.06 (-5.60)
FT Non Financials .... 1847.49 (-5.35)
FT Gold Mines .... 245.5 (+1.4)
FT Fixed Interest .... 133.78 (+0.99)
FT Govt Secs .... 106.98 (+0.07)
Bargains 46221
SEAQ Volume 1107.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 163.81 (+0.61)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 10	January 21	April 7	April 18

Call options taken out on 20/1/94: Aegis, Anglo Pac, Benson, Bluebird, Butte, Caird 7%pf, Courtyard Leis, Dares Est, Emess, Exmoor Dual Cap, Haemocell, Herring Baker, Kelis, LBMS, Marshalls, Martin Int, Mid-States, Middlesex, Millgate, ML-Labs, Photo-Me, Scot Pickford, Standard Chart, Tie Rack, Traf House, Wiggins Group. **Puts:** Mid-States, Tie Rack, Traf House. **Puts & Calls:** Anglo Pac, Courtyard Leis, Emess, Middlesex.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3483.0	3499.0	3471.0	3484.0	13645
Previous open interest: 73133	Jun 94				3498.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.82	94.83	94.73	94.75	35256
Previous open interest: 414836	Jun 94	94.99	95.01	94.92	94.92	27010
	Sep 94	95.03	95.03	94.95	94.96	8479
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.61	96.62	96.61	96.63	258
Previous open interest: 10211	Jun 94	96.32	96.32	96.31	96.34	216
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.46	94.48	94.37	94.37	101239
Previous open interest: 864696	Jun 94	94.92	94.95	94.81	94.82	81936
Long Gilt	Mar 94	120-13	120-13	119-23	119-29	85774
Previous open interest: 98025	Jun 94	119-14	119-18	119-14	119-08	203
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	115.86	115.86	115.60	115.71	2965
	Jun 94	114.65	114.65	114.63	114.65	150
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	100.62	100.74	100.34	100.35	169471
Previous open interest: 152506	Jun 94	100.55	100.66	100.35	100.32	610
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.24	103.24	102.95	102.97	2519
Previous open interest: 9417	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	94.04	94.07	93.93	93.97	2670
Previous open interest: 37014	Jun 94	94.55	94.58	94.46	94.49	722
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.25	96.26	96.18	96.21	8119
Previous open interest: 56781	Jun 94	96.52	96.54	96.45	96.48	2242
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	118.75	119.06	118.35	118.53	42325
Previous open interest: 90733	Jun 94	119.23	119.30	118.76	118.74	1320

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 82.7 (day's range 82.4-82.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.9155-2.9291	2.9187-2.9222	par-⅛ds	¼pr-par
Brussels	54.23-54.48	54.28-54.38	7-11ds	22-28ds
Copenhagen	10.1050-10.1630	10.1270-10.1420	⅝-1⅞ds	1¼-3¼ds
Dublin	1.0405-1.0445	1.0408-1.0438	5-9ds	16-21ds
Frankfurt	2.6024-2.6150	2.6043-2.6077	⅛-¼ds	¼-½ds
Lisbon	262.74-264.15	262.94-263.57	98-175ds	292-387ds
Madrid	212.95-214.08	213.32-213.62	63-76ds	174-195ds
Milan	2534.30-2549.40	2540.80-2544.80	6-8ds	18-21ds
Montreal	1.9492-1.9671	1.9642-1.9671	0.29-0.24pr	0.53-0.43pr
New York	1.4888-1.5001	1.4991-1.5001	0.29-0.27pr	0.78-0.75pr
Oslo	11.1940-11.2470	11.2060-11.2220	¾-¼pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Paris	8.8430-8.8860	8.8510-8.8660	⅞-1⅛ds	2-2½ds
Stockholm	12.0740-12.1820	12.1210-12.1450	1⅞-3ds	5⅛-6⅝ds
Tokyo	166.04-167.39	167.11-167.39	½-⅜pr	1¾-1¼pr
Vienna	18.29-18.39	18.30-18.34	par-⅝ds	⅝-1⅛ds
Zurich	2.1801-2.1941	2.1801-2.1831	½-⅜pr	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4960-1.4985
Australia dollar	2.1289-2.1319
Bahrain dinar	0.5555-0.5675
Brazil cruzeiro *	599.55-601.16
Cyprus pound	0.772-0.782
Finland marka	8.4145-8.5305
Greece drachma	369.25-376.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.5654-11.5716
India rupee	46.31-47.27
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4395-0.4495
Malaysia ringgit	4.1063-4.1105
Mexico peso	4.55-4.65
New Zealand dollar	2.6477-2.6527
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5245-5.6505
Singapore dollar	2.4090-2.4121
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5612-6.6406
S Africa rand (com)	5.1081-5.1191
U A E dirham	5.4105-5.5345

Barclays Bank GTS Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4216-1.4226
Austria	12.23-12.24
Belgium (Com)	36.26-36.30
Canada	1.3103-1.3108
Denmark	6.7740-6.7790
France	5.9210-5.9225
Germany	1.7409-1.7419
Hong Kong	7.7242-7.7247
Ireland	1.4348-1.4363
Italy	1697.0-1700.0
Japan	111.38-111.43
Malaysia	2.7430-2.7440
Netherlands	1.9506-1.9511
Norway	7.4935-7.4965
Portugal	175.75-175.95
Singapore	1.6092-1.6102
Spain	142.65-142.75
Sweden	8.1150-8.1250
Switzerland	1.4580-1.4590

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth: 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5⅛	5-4⅞	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Overnight: open 5¼, close 5½.					
Local Authority Deps	5¼	n/a	5¼	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5
Dollar CDs	3.04-3.01	n/a	3.10-3.07	3.29-3.26	3.61-3.58
Building Society CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1993. Agreed rates Jan 26, 1994 to Feb 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.65%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1993 to Dec 31, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 5.375%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅞-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅞-6⅛	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6-5⅞	7⅛-6⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅞-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	2⅞-2⅛	2⅞-1⅞	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $392.80-393.20 Close: $393.00-393.50 High: $393.00-393.50
Low: $391.25-391.75 Krugerrand: $392.00-395.00 (£261.00-263.00)
Sovereigns: Old $91.00-93.50 (£60.50-62.50) New $91.00-93.50 (£60.50-62.50)
Platinum: $391.50 (£261.45) Silver: $5.32 (£3.545) Palladium: $124.25 (£82.95)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	650	17	40½	51½	4	21	37
(*662½)	700	1	17	28½	40	49½	66½
Argyll	280	18½	30	36	1½	10½	18
(*295½)	300	4	19	25	8	19½	29½
ASDA	60	4	8½	11½	1	4½	6
(*63½)	70	1	4	6½	7½	10	12½
Boots	550	11½	32	44	4½	20½	31½
(*556½)	600	1	13	22	46	51½	61
Br Airways	460	27½	44	54½	1½	15½	24
(*485)	500	2½	21½	34	18	32½	44½
BP	360	15	28	38½	2	12½	18½
(*372)	390	1½	14	24	30	29½	34
Br Steel	120	8	14	16½	1	6	9½
(*127)	130	2	8	13	5	10½	14
C & W	525	15	35½	51	9½	22	32½
(*532½)	550	4	24	38	21	35	46
CU	650	46	56	70	1	13	21½
(*693)	700	5	25	42	13	35½	44½
ICI	750	12½	37½	53½	8	42½	51½
(*755½)	800	1	18	33	49½	77	84½
Kingfishr	650	31½	53	72	3½	18½	28½
(*678)	700	3½	29½	47	27½	42½	54½
Land Sec	750	17	40	47	3	17½	31
(*763½)	800	1	16½	22½	39½	46	59½
M & S	420	34½	44½	50½	1	6½	12½
(*453)	460	4	19½	—	11	22	29
Nat West	600	10½	27½	42	6½	30½	39
(*603½)	650	1	9½	22½	49	66	71
Sainsbury	460	13	32½	43	3½	17½	28
(*470)	500	1	14½	24½	32½	41	51½
Shell	700	35	44½	56	1	15½	23½
(*732½)	750	2½	17	32	21	43½	50
Smkl Bch	420	16	34	47½	3½	22	30½
(*432½)	460	1½	16½	29½	30½	44½	53
Storehse	240	5½	16½	23	3½	11½	17
(*241)	260	1	7½	13½	20	24	28½
Trafalgar	106	4	12½	17½	3½	9½	13½
(*106)	115	1½	8½	13½	10½	15	18½
Unilever	1150	53	72½	91½	1½	24	45
(*1197½)	1200	11½	41	62½	13	48	59½
Zeneca	800	15	40½	57½	7	40½	51
(*807½)	850	1½	19	38½	45½	73½	82

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met	460	40	51½	61	5½	11½	17
(*493)	500	13	27½	37	19	28	34½
Ladbroke	200	17	23	28½	5	14½	19
(*210½)	220	6½	13	19½	15½	26½	31
Utd Bisc	360	26	31½	38½	5½	15½	22
(*378½)	390	8½	15½	24	19	33	39

January 20, 1994 Tot: 50533 Call: 32193 Put: 18340 FT-SE Call: 6464 Put: 4287
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	1000	36	67	85½	2½	24	39
(*1030½)	1050	5	38½	57½	25	47	62½
Thames W	550	49	61	69½	1	8½	18½
(*596½)	600	6	27½	37½	9	25	41½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAT Ind	500	32½	41½	50	5½	20½	31
(*523½)	550	8	17½	26	31½	50½	60
BTR	360	14½	21	29½	9	19	23½
(*364)	390	3½	8½	16½	29½	39	42½
Br Aero	420	22½	39	51½	17½	34	43½
(*423½)	460	7½	23	35	44½	59½	68
Br Telcm	460	17½	24	37½	7	13½	22
(*468)	500	3½	11	18	34½	37½	44½
Cadbury	493	37½	42½	—	3½	15	—
(*522½)	542	7½	15½	—	24½	41½	—
Guinness	500	30	41	50	11½	24½	30½
(*518)	550	10½	17½	27	41	54	60
GEC	330	14½	23½	28½	6	11½	18
(*337)	360	3	9	14	25½	28½	35½
Hanson	260	21	24	27½	1½	6	9½
(*278½)	280	7	12	16	8½	14½	19
LASMO	130	10	17	22½	9	15½	20
(*130½)	140	6	13	18	15½	22	26
Lucas	200	16	22½	28	4½	10½	14
(*210)	220	5½	12	18	15	22	25½
Pilkingtn	200	9	16	22½	9	16	18½
(*300)	220	2½	8	14	23½	28½	31
Prudential	360	14	20½	27	8	19	23½
(*364½)	390	3	8	14	29	39½	42½
Redland	550	54½	64	69	4	17½	26
(*597½)	600	22½	33	41	20½	42	50
Royal Ins	317	21	—	—	6	—	—
(*328½)	346	6½	—	—	22½	—	—
Tesco	240	14½	20½	27	7½	16½	18
(*247)	260	4½	11	16½	18	28½	30
Vodafone	550	51	69	81½	8	21	32½
(*588½)	600	20½	41	55½	29½	44	57
Williams	390	26	34	40	4½	14½	19½
(*408½)	420	8½	17½	25½	18½	31	35½

FT-SE INDEX (*3468)

	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550
Calls						
Jan	176	126	76	28	3	1
Feb	198	154	115	81	53	34
Mar	212	172	136	105	77	57
Apr	226	189	154	125	98	76
Jun	262	—	193	—	134	—
Puts						
Jan	½	2	½	3½	35	85
Feb	12	19	30	47	70	102
Mar	29	40	53	72	96	125
Apr	42	56	71	91	113	142
Jun	69	—	99	—	141	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abbey Nat	500	29½	36½	47	17	34	32
(*513½)	550	7½	15½	25½	49½	54½	61
Amstrad	45	6	8½	10½	3½	5	6½
(*47½)	50	4	6	8½	6	7½	9
Barclays	600	35	46	58	22½	30½	39½
(*613½)	650	13	23½	35½	53½	59½	68
Blue Circ	360	34½	41	48½	11	21	29
(*381)	390	16½	26	33½	24½	36½	44½
Br Gas	330	25	30½	34½	5	13	16½
(*346)	360	9½	15	21	20½	30	33
Dixons	220	16½	25½	30½	11½	16	23½
(*222½)	240	4	16	22½	23	27½	35½
Forte	260	22½	27½	34	8½	15½	19½
(*272)	280	11½	17	24½	19	26½	30½
Hillsdwn	180	14	17	21	7	14½	16½
(*184)	200	5½	8½	12½	19½	28½	29½
Lonrho	140	14½	20	26	8	12½	17
(*147)	160	6	12	17	20½	24½	29
Sears	120	9½	12½	14½	4	7	9
(*124)	130	5½	7½	9½	9½	13	15
Thrn Eml	1050	70½	97	113½	17	30	50½
(*1093½)	1100	41	67	83½	37½	52½	72½
Tomkins	260	21	29½	34½	7	11	16
(*273½)	280	10	18	24	16	20½	27
TSB	290	15½	25	31½	12	17½	23
(*287)	300	7½	15½	22½	24	29½	34½
Wellcome	650	57½	74	94½	22½	37	49½
(*680½)	700	31	49½	69	47½	63½	74½

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Glaxo	650	48	69	79½	38½	51½	65
(*661)	700	26½	47½	58½	68½	80	96
HSBC	950	68	93	113½	52½	71	92½
(*967)	1000	45	70	98½	81½	98½	115
Reuter	1900	106½	159	194½	87	112	134
(*1923½)	1950	78½	133	168½	113	136½	158½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
R-Royce	156	20	—	—	2	—	—
(*173½)	176	6	—	—	9	—	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Fisons	140	14½	21½	27	12½	18	22
(*142)	160	7	14	19	25½	31½	34½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastrn Elc	650	32	47½	59½	10	20	34
(*668)	700	8½	24½	33½	39	46	59½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	460	49	61½	70½	9½	20	29½
(*495)	500	25½	40	51	26½	38	50
Scot Pwr	420	39½	50½	59½	7½	13½	23
(*453)	460	16½	28	38	24½	31½	42

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: Coffee had edged firmly into the plus column by the close, buoyed by a lower Colombian crop estimate. Cocoa finished down but off the day's lows in reasonable turnover as the market continued to drift. White sugar firmed in line with New York. Interest on the grains *futures market remains thin with traders unsure of it's future* direction.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	901-900	May	977-976
May	908-907	Jul	985-983
Jul	919-918	Sep	996 BID
Sep	934-932	Dec	1016-1000
Dec	946-945		
Mar	967-966	Volume:	6617

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1170-1165	Sep	1179-1177
Mar	1181-1180	Nov	1180-1172
May	1187-1186	Jan	1176-1172
Jul	1175-1174	Volume:	7597

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	10.94-11.22
Spot: 253.60		Jan	10.79-11.42
Mar	10.54-10.74	Mar	10.64-11.62
May	11.05-11.19	May	10.64-11.92
Jul	11.29-11.43	Volume	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	282.5-80.5
Spot: 289.5		Dec	282.1-78.6
Mar	290.0-88.0	Mar	287.0-78.6
May	289.0-88.0	May	286.0-79.6
Aug	293.7-92.2	Volume:	799

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 20

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	66.55	104.51	122.99
(+/-)	+0.35	+6.34	-0.10
Eng/Wales:	66.58	104.90	122.85
(+/-)	+0.45	+5.10	+0.02
(%)	+4.5	-33.8	-20.2
Scotland:	64.22	104.13	123.61
(+/-)	-8.49	+9.30	-0.80
(%)	+14.7	-58.6	-8.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	...	Mar	unq	...
Sep	unq	...		Volume:	0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	99.15
Mar	100.10
May	101.10
Jun	101.65
Sep	90.70
Volume:	148

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	103.90
Mar	105.15
May	106.25
Sep	92.50
Nov	94.80
Volume:	6

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	136.0
Apr	103.0	103.8
May	unq	123.5
	Volume:	41

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Feb 61.50-62.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Levels were largely unchanged with the exception of February WTI which expired yesterday.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.15	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Feb)	14.15	n/c
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.90	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	15.30	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	15.15	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	144 (-1)	146 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	144 (-1)	145 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Feb	148 (-2)	151 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Mar	147 (-1)	150 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	62 (+2)	65 (+2)
Naphtha	130 (n/c)	133 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	144.00-44.25	May	142.50-43.00
Mar	143.50-43.75	Jun	143.00-43.25
Apr	142.75-43.00	Jul	144.50-44.75
			Vol: 15380

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	13.91-13.92	Jun	14.12-BID
Apr	13.85-13.87	Jul	14.26 BID
May	13.98-14.00		Vol: 30008

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	140.00-43.00	May	157.00 SLR
Mar	unq	Jun	160.00 SLR
Apr	unq		Vol: 20

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 94	1235	1230	1235
Feb 94	1240	1239	1253
Mar 94	1280	1275	1284
Apr 94	1300	1280	1296

Vol: 45 lots. Open int'st: 2660 Index 1242 -1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1856.0-1857.0	1880.0-1880.5	339850
Lead ($/tonne)	502.50-503.00	515.00-516.00	145075
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1008.5-1009.0	1027.5-1028.5	831350
Tin ($/tonne)	4993.0-4998.0	5045.0-5050.0	29715
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1182.0-1183.0	1201.0-1201.5	1610350
Nickel ($/tonne)	5690.0-5695.0	5755.0-5760.0	49188

Clinton's future depends on the feel-good factor

A year after the president's inauguration, his economic policies still find favour with Americans, says Wolfgang Munchau



President Clinton's policies are more popular than the man himself a year after he was sworn-in

A year ago yesterday, President Clinton took over at the White House with a political agenda focusing almost entirely on the domestic economy. Although beset by scandal in recent weeks, the latest economic statistics would suggest, at least superficially, that his policies appear to be bearing fruit.

His tenure at the White House has been marred by inept appointments, difficult relations with Congress and the press, an incoherent foreign policy and the incompetent handling of various scandals, especially Whitewater. But on economic policy, there were surprisingly few glitches, barring a failed economic stimulus package and the proposed wide-ranging energy tax that was subsequently dumped by Congress.

Perhaps the president, unlike George Bush before him, was just lucky that the business cycle turned in his favour. By the time Mr Clinton comes up for re-election in 1996, America might have achieved what some economists euphemistically call "full" employment, defined as an unemployment rate of 5 per cent or less, and all this while inflation and interest rates remain low.

The president's critics, meanwhile, point out, with some justification, that the strong economic recovery now in evidence, especially on the east coast, would have occurred anyway, even under George Bush. Some humourists even credit Mr Bush's deficit-cutting policies with the current economic upturn. Had Mr Bush been re-elected, he might well have gone down as one of America's great economic leaders.

As it is, America's economics establishment has gone out of its way to praise Mr Clinton's economic policies. The cheerleader is Rudi Dornbusch, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and one of the world's most renowned international economists. In a recent eulogy in *Business Week* magazine, he called Mr Clinton's economic policies "overwhelmingly positive both when weighed against widespread scepticism at the outset and on the basis of actual accomplishments".

Many other economics professors agree. Lawrence Klein, of the University of Pennsylvania, an economics Nobel laureate, talked about "a good spring semester" for Mr Clinton. A predictably dissenting note came from Martin Feldstein, a former chairman of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, now at Harvard University. He says the deficit reduction plan will not work.

Mr Clinton's right-wing critics, as Professor Feldstein graciously admitted, face a dilemma. The conservatives argued that Mr Clinton's budget would be recessionary because of the tax increases, especially on the wealth-generating parts in the economy, like small businesses. As a result, they said, it would fail to deliver the desired savings, just as so many other budgets had failed to do before it. Yet the financial markets sided with Mr Clinton and stocks and bonds rallied throughout 1993 in response to a benign outlook for inflation and interest rates.

Right-wing critics are thus left in the uncomfortable position of having to argue that the free market has got it wrong, an amusing thought to anyone who listened to their views in the 1980s. But even if the financial markets have got it wrong, who cares? If the markets err, they currently err on the side of low bond yields and thus lower mortgage rates. The consequence of the market's collective error is an economic stimulus — warranted or not — that could more than offset the budget's tax squeeze. Thus even if the market was wrong in its assumptions, it is most likely to have been right in its conclusions, which suggests that the perception of an economic policy can exceed the importance of the policy itself. Incidentally, this also says something rather unflattering about economics as an academic pursuit.

The significance of Mr Clinton's $500 billion-give-or-take-a-few-hundred-billion budget lies in the expectations it has generated among Americans. Many are more optimistic about their future now than they were a year ago. For the first time in many years, there has been a politically credible attempt to rein in America's soaring budget deficit and slow the growth of the national debt. As a result, the Federal Reserve has been able to keep short-term interest rates at around 3 per cent, which translates into real interest rates of close to zero, an unusual and benign climate for investment.

In his overall economic policy programme, Mr Clinton did lose one important vote, when the Senate Republicans successfully filibustered his $16 billion economic stimulus package. Opponents now say that this was a blessing in disguise for Mr Clinton, since the economy managed to pick up without the measure. But they are missing an important point. Whatever the merits of the package, its defeat has exposed the vulnerability of Mr Clinton's administration. It curtailed the president's eagerness to press ahead with various reform programmes and resulted in widespread discontent with the administration and its policies. Ultimately, it also led to a decline in confidence that took several months to reverse.

Overall, the administration has done reasonably well in its cyclical economic policies. The structural changes in the Clinton agenda are more difficult to implement, and their effects on the economy will not be felt for several years in some cases. So far, the administration's record looks impressive. In his first year, the president won his battle in Congress to secure the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico. This was followed by the conclusion at the last minute of a world trade agreement in Geneva. The effects on the American economy are virtually non-existent in the short-term, but will undoubtedly emerge in the years ahead.

The administration's agenda remains packed with structural reforms of the economy, with similar medium-to-long-term economic effects. The Labour Department, under Secretary Robert Reich, is planning long overdue reforms in the labour market to allow for greater flexibility on working hours — downward flexibility that is — and the adoption of a German-style apprenticeship system.

The single most important reform, in terms of economic impact, is that of healthcare, the largest sector in the economy, accounting for about 14 per cent of gross domestic product. There is political disagreement over whether the emphasis on healthcare reform should be to control galloping cost inflation or to achieve comprehensive insurance cover for the entire population, or a mixture of both. The precise methods of financing, whether through direct taxes or through an "employer mandate" will also have a significant economic impact. The White House is also planning to reform the welfare system, another drain on the economy. The aim here is to convert welfare into workfare.

Altogether, the economic reform agenda planned for the next two years is vast. So far, Mr Clinton's macroeconomic policies are working, he has done well on trade and seems eager to fight for overdue structural changes in domestic economic affairs.

Combined with the absence of external pressures on commodity prices and continued strong gains in productivity, there is a better chance in the nineties than there was in previous decades of reaching the elusive golden scenario of strong non-inflationary growth.

For America, Clintonomics has made sense so far. But there is no question that the country has an accident-prone president. Nor have we heard the last of the headline-making scandals. It can also be said that Mr Clinton's jovial southern style often jars with the polished poker-faced society of the capital.

All that, however, may yet count for nought. For Mr Clinton's re-election chances will depend more than anything on the state of the economy, or, more accurately, on the "feel-good" factor.

Americans seem to like Mr Clinton's policies more than they like the man himself. This is especially true of his economic policies, a coherent and appealing alternative to which his opponents have failed to produce.

TEMPUS

Guinness cocktail

GUINNESS has unpacked the luggage and moved closer to the drinks cabinet, which is where the group wanted to be in the first place. The 1989 link with LVMH was always a typically Gallic marriage of convenience, giving the British access to the Moët Hennessey champagne cocktail only via an unwieldy link through holding companies. Guinness has always hoped to improve on that rare chance to take a position in the closely knit French drinks industry.

Guinness is swapping a 24 per cent stake in LVMH for 34 per cent of Moët and £416 million in cash. The balance will be retained by LVMH itself. Under French law, Guinness's 34 per cent holding prevents LVMH from raising fresh cash or changing the direction of the business without British approval. Given that Guinness was never going to approach overall control, it probably represents the next best option. The price paid for Moët, the market is assured on the basis of figures not yet available, compares favourably with the multiples other big drinks groups are trading on: a fair bet is that Guinness has paid some ten times' last year's earnings.

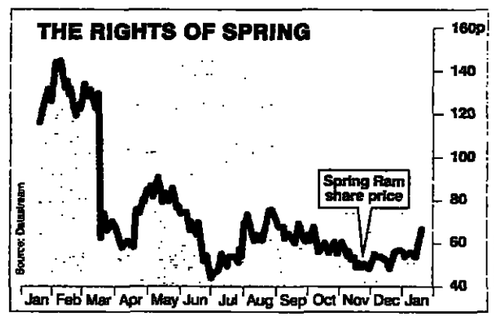
The effect on Guinness's profit and loss account will be a raft of mainly non-cash exceptional debits in 1993 along with subsequent 4 per cent dilution of earnings per share as the existing structure converts to one less flattering of earnings. Meanwhile, gearing is cut by ten percentage points to 37 per cent. The market voted in favour, the shares racing 49p ahead to 521p. The deal leaves Guinness selling on 17.4 times' 1993 earnings, before exceptionals. More significantly, it can only improve market sentiment towards the group long-term.

Spring Ram

SPRING Ram's new management team could not be accused of wasting time. Having barely begun the refurbishment of the ground floor of their new home, they are already contemplating a roof extension. Admittedly, the kitchens and bathrooms group has a problem with its funding: the previous management mortgaged most of the assets to the company's sole bankers, who are not keen to increase their exposure. These days, no banker lends without a lien over something that can be sold and Spring Ram is left looking to shareholders for more cash.

Spring Ram ought to be able to generate funds from its existing business and by all accounts the management has taken steps to arrest a sharp build-up in working capital and cash outflow. By eliminating the loss-making Regency Doors and Artisan Tiles businesses the company could quickly become a secure dividend stock, but the institutions who initiated last year's management coup are hoping for something more exciting.

Regency Doors could take two years to come right, and the core kitchens business is not yet the lean machine needed for a full profits recovery; in the meantime the earnings boost could come from acquisitions with the probability that a deal will be sewn up soon. Such a strategy is higher risk and the frothy building materials sector means that good companies will not come cheap, but Spring Ram shareholders like a roller coaster ride and yesterday's 13 per cent rise in the price suggests the market is ready for more.



Kingfisher

SONIC the hedgehog's sharp little teeth have given a nasty bite to Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy's bright blue bird and a few investors who sold Kingfisher on the back of Dixon's trading statement a week ago must now be feeling chipper. The problem for the market is in trying to reckon how many electronic games are piled up in retailer's basements up and down the country. Both Dixons and Kingfisher claim to have cut their prices of games consoles early but when did you last meet a retailer who could accurately forecast the market cycle of a toy?

More disturbing is the general lack of growth suggested by Woolworth sales in the second half, which were well below official statistics that showed a 4 per cent rise in high street sales last year. A strategy based on investment in margin is fine if you are gaining market share but the evidence so far presented suggests that Woolworths is at best hanging in there and analysts have cut £12 million off Woolworth's full year profits.

B&Q remains the only bright spot but its slow and steady growth cannot support Kingfisher's share price. It is now at a rating equal to Marks and Spencer but well behind in the growth stakes.

Gestetner

A BUSINESS that can boast almost £1 billion in sales worldwide ought to be able to achieve underlying profits of more than £17 million but Gestetner has promised much in the past and failed to deliver. At its peak, in 1988, the company was earning a net return of 7 to 8 per cent on sales and after yesterday's news of heavy provisions against redundancies, the hope is that the company will claw its way back to its pre-recession profit margins.

But Gestetner is a different beast today, having doubled in size. It is also linked to Japanese manufacturers who supply a product priced in yen and Gestetner has seen its sales shrink in real terms as it fights to sell copiers in depressed European markets. The company hopes that a new generation of smart fax machines will help sales to grow but a strategy based on cost cutting sits uneasily with the launch of new products.

At their current price, the market is expecting a recovery in Gestetner with the shares trading on a multiple of 15 times earnings of 11p for the current year but shareholders may have to wait 2 or 3 years for good results.

Carpetright

You can't help asking yourself when you look at Carpetright's results — where's the catch? A 62 per cent rise in pre-tax profits and a 19 per cent increase in like-for-like sales are not the sort of numbers investors are accustomed to seeing from retailers in the new low-growth, low margin 1990s.

Moreover its ceiling of potential seems to keep rising. At the time of its flotation last June, the company said it intended to expand to 200 stores, now it says its target is 240 stores. That's three more years of guaranteed sales growth for shareholders. Higher volumes will bolster margins as demonstrated in these interim results. Operating margins increased from 8.4 per cent to 10.4 per cent as a result of higher turnover rather than cost reductions.

But on a prospective p/e of about 23 times, a hefty premium to the retail sector, much of the good news is already in the price.

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Fighting for the little man

GOOD news for private client stockbrokers. Geoffrey Turner, one of the Stock Exchange's most experienced hands, has been appointed chief executive of the Association of Private Client Investment Managers & Stockbrokers (Apcims) with a brief to brush up its profile and fight for the little man. He starts in March. Turner, who joins from the Securities and Futures Authority, where he is director of public affairs, said: "In recent years, the exchange has neglected the interests of private client brokers. I want to get in there and get them and their clients higher on the agenda." Turner joined the staff of the Stock Exchange in 1973 after a number of years with Simon & Coates, and was heavily involved in the preparatory work for Big Bang. As head of membership, he devised forms of regulation to enable firms from all over the world to join the London market. He takes over at Apcims from Michael Baker, who is retiring. Elsewhere, Colin Lawrence has been made head of market risk management at BZW, and John Sellars is the new governor of London Guildhall University.

Bonding with Bhs

ON page three of that seminal work "How To Bluff Your Way in PR", newcomers to the profession are advised that one of the first rules upon arriving in a post is to suggest a new corporate brochure, then insist on directing a photo shoot that can only be done in Tahiti. Paul Barber, who recently left Abbey National to become head of corporate communications at Bhs, the retailer, has followed this advice — well almost. He is currently on Sydney's famous Bondi beach with a selection of top models busily directing a picture shoot for a new Bhs corporate brochure.

Charity golf

CHRISTCHURCH Insurance Brokers, one of the official product suppliers of *The Times*/MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge, has already begun to realise the benefits of becoming involved in this unique event. No sooner had David Birnage, a director, mentioned to the Macintyre Foundation that Christchurch had provided hole-in-one insurance for the competition, which was launched on Tuesday, than the charity asked it to provide similar cover for its own star-studded charity golf day on March 30, at Woburn Golf and Country Club. Land Rover has offered to put up a hole-in-one prize for competing celebrities that will include Trevor Brooking, the former England footballer, and comedian Kenny Lynch. Christchurch's job is to provide insurance cover for Land Rover just in case someone happens to hole-out and win the vehicle that has been put up as a prize. The Macintyre Foundation has just completed a trek up the Himalayas for a number of disabled people who were accompanied by the Duchess of York.



"Could you run me off a few copies?"

In tune

NO lurchers please. James Bell, the finance director of Tonerflow, a supplier of recycled printer cartridges to Legal & General and other City firms, is a former New Age Traveller and squatter who lives in a caravan in Docklands. Bell, who has a degree in accountancy, admits to buying a new pair of shoes last month, but denies that he has yet to buy a suit. "I've got a number of suits," he snorts. Tonerflow is one of six finalists in the running for an environmental award sponsored by LBC, the radio station.

Fax scam

WHO needs lotteries? David Goodfellow, a consultant on marine, electronics and defence matters, was yesterday sent a fax pledging to transfer $60 million into his bank account. All he had to do in return was provide copies of his letterheads and invoices — just to "help with the paperwork". The origin of the fax? Nigeria, of course, which is notorious for this sort of scam.

Send-off

A BIG send-off for Richard Osmond, the former corporate finance director at Smith New Court, who died late last year at the age of 33 after a short illness. About 300 people attended a memorial service held in the City yesterday. Nick Fisher of Robert Fleming summed it up in his address. He said: "Business was Richard's pleasure, and pleasure was Richard's business."

JON ASHWORTH

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International	119.10	126.60	+ 0.30	.39
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European Income	99.58	105.70	- 0.14	1.42
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Higher Inc Inc	452.60	468.50	- 3.10	3.03
Far East Emrg Acc	122.50	132.40†	- 0.57	0.49
Fixed Interest	26.53	28.32†	+ 0.27	6.52
Fund Inv Tst	188.00	200.00	- 1.00	0.84
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Latin American	77.77	82.66	+ 1.41	0.61
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Property Share	78.95	84.28†	+ 0.42	1.56
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Govt Securities	36.49	38.50	+ 0.05	4.75
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Amer Spec Sits	138.50	148.00	- 1.10	0.29
European Growth	33.94	36.07	- 0.21	0.44
International	164.30	175.40†	- 1.30	0.34
Japan	203.50	217.20†	- 1.60	0.18
Pacific	134.50	144.40†	- 3.90	0.17
Secs of America	439.20	466.80†	- 2.00	0.59
Wwide Asset Val	48.00	51.29	- 0.40	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	588.60	625.90†	- 4.20	2.00
Conv & Gilt	53.10	56.76	- 0.17	3.42
Smaller Cos	186.20	199.00†	- 0.40	1.18
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Recovery	156.80	167.60†	- 1.00	1.66
Mat Mtn & Cdty	162.90	174.10	- 0.60	0.72
Oseas Earnings	385.10	411.60†	- 1.30	1.91
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Energy	455.40	493.60†	+ 2.90	0.22
Europe	228.60	242.70	+ 0.40	0.48
Euro Smlr Cos	100.80	106.90	+ 0.40	0.89
Income Gwth	381.30	406.90†	+ 0.80	3.77
Japan	321.00	341.50	+ 1.30	...
Pacific	120.00	127.70†	+ 0.50	0.65
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Property	264.90	282.00†	....	5.60
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Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.20	100.20†	....	4.61
Extra Income	130.30	139.30	+ 0.40	3.68
Gilt & Fxd Int	64.27	68.42	+ 0.49	7.59
Income	591.10	632.20†	+ 2.50	3.64
Income Builder	73.27	77.94	+ 0.33	4.26
Intl Income	71.73	76.31†	+ 0.16	2.72
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	128.10	136.70	+ 0.18	2.20
Leisure	131.40	140.50	- 1.60	1.21
Recovery	451.60	483.00	- 1.10	2.19
Smlr Cos Inc	44.86	47.97	- 0.25	1.84
Special Sits	308.30	329.70	+ 0.20	1.67
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
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Asia Acc	274.60	293.10	+ 5.20	1.27
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Euro Gwth Inc	143.80	153.50	+ 0.90	0.41
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Japan Spec Sits	76.37	80.90	+ 0.23	0.58
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Eastern	306.10	330.10	- 4.10	1.60
Equity Income	99.46	105.80	- 0.10	4.90
European Growth	292.20	310.80	- 0.90	1.93
Europe	211.30	225.30†	- 0.10	1.50
German Growth	71.29	75.80	- 0.67	0.70
Global Bond	70.74	74.74†	+ 0.14	5.30
Global Growth	132.90	141.80†	- 0.60	...
Japan Growth	306.50	321.60	- 1.30	0.45
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Gilt & Fxd Int	32.05	32.33†	+ 0.24	6.08
Intl Bond	33.30	34.59	+ 0.03	4.72
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High Income	30.06	31.63†	....	4.44
Income Plus	133.60	142.10	- 1.40	3.59
Amer Eq Inc	48.96	51.81†	+ 0.10	1.79
European Income	64.77	68.61	+ 0.14	2.32
Far East Inc	64.96	69.22	- 0.07	3.27
Global Convertible	26.04	27.79†	- 0.09	2.03
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	64.29	68.56	- 1.45	...
American	238.10	252.40	- 1.00	...
Amer Spec Sits	113.70	121.30	....	...
Japan Smaller Cos	30.27	41.89	- 0.18	...
European	162.70	173.00	- 0.70	...
European Opps	60.32	64.14	- 0.07	...
UK Growth	94.01	99.97	- 0.37	...
Growth & Inc	167.60	178.30†	- 0.90	2.25
Intl PEP	37.18	39.54	- 0.17	...
Japan Spec Sits	87.63	93.64	- 0.78	...
Japan	182.90	194.80	- 1.50	...
Managed Intl	267.70	286.00	- 1.90	...
Moneybuilder	53.48	57.05	- 0.16	...
Recovery	47.28	50.28	- 0.09	...
South E Asia	170.90	182.30	- 1.50	...
Special Sits	844.10	983.90	+ 0.90	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	118.50	124.70	- 0.30	2.57
UK Reverse Index	68.88	73.75	+ 0.51	5.00
Europe Index	117.00	123.30	- 0.90	4.41
-do- Reverse Index	63.52	67.52	- 0.52	8.51
America Index	103.30	108.80	- 0.10	0.78
-do- Reverse Index	91.90	97.00	- 0.08	0.91
Japan Index	125.90	132.60	- 0.80	0.89
-do- Reverse Index	92.02	97.67	- 1.15	1.52
Cash Accum Units	104.15	104.15	- 0.04	4.80

CAPELCURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5562

Armenian & Gen	152.70	162.50	- 0.50	...
European Inc	78.53	83.16	- 0.60	0.53
Smaller Cos (+I)	84.13	88.50	- 0.09	1.48
Growth	465.20	497.60	- 1.80	1.85
Income & Growth	453.60	482.60†	- 2.90	3.08
Japan & Gen	99.35	73.78	- 0.09	...
Master Portfolio	11289	116978	-29.000	1.62
Special Sits	106.40	113.20†	+ 0.50	1.31
High Yield	1471.0	1517.0	- 9.00	3.56

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 225 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 581

American Gwth Tst	38.40	41.06	- 0.03	0.69
Cash Income	101.33	50.33	+ 0.01	5.03
European Gwth	39.21	41.81	- 0.38	0.84
Income & Gwth Inc	51.10	33.26	- 0.17	3.72
Intnl Gwth	32.09	34.32	- 0.22	0.75
Japan Gwth	36.44	38.27	- 0.04	...
Managed Tst Inc	51.11	54.66	- 0.40	0.68
Oriental Opps Inc	160.40	171.50	- 4.20	0.57
Property Shares	47.40	50.69	- 0.27	1.60
Smaller Cos	33.23	35.54	- 0.74	1.49
UK Growth Tst	28.03	29.97	- 0.20	2.52
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse (Global Inc	76.70	82.00	- 0.38	1.57
Cap Hse UK Inc	72.86	77.92	- 0.28	2.19
Exempt	23.59	24.26	....	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	25.86	27.66	- 0.15	0.39
European Acc	26.82	28.68	- 0.15	0.39
Financial	166.80	178.30	- 1.00	2.28
Foundation	97.71	104.50	- 0.30	2.64
German	49.22	52.64	- 0.17	0.07
High Income	84.30	90.15†	+ 0.01	5.66
Income	149.60	160.00	- 1.40	3.44
Intl Growth	38.49	41.16	- 0.23	0.16
Mngd Pfolio Inc	110.80	118.50	- 0.60	1.56
Mngd Pfolio Acc	210.80	225.40	- 1.20	1.56
Monthly Income	88.77	94.86†	- 0.50	3.29
North American	110.10	117.70†	- 0.30	0.15
Orient	149.90	160.30	- 0.80	...

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

Cazenove Portfolio	86.36	92.27	....	2.12
American Portfolio	92.02	98.17	....	0.99
European Portfolio	96.34	101.77	....	1.00
Japanese Portfolio	65.98	70.25	+ 0.01	...
Pacific Portfolio	151.18	160.96	- 0.03	0.72
UK Inc & Growth	80.01	85.56	....	3.58
Utility & Bond	61.23	62.03	....	5.91

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000
UK General Tst | 69.94 | 74.40 | - 0.40 | 2.69
Global Tst | 64.26 | 68.36 | - 0.03 | 0.28
Recovery Tst | 74.38 | 79.12 | - 0.19 | 1.66

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7867

Intl Growth	148.94	160.84†	....	1.02
UK Growth	114.87	123.96	....	3.80
UK Income	117.33	126.62	....	

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Beckman Intl	93.10	98.34	+ 0.10	1.70
Beck Bio-Tech	42.82	45.55†	+ 1.26	...
Asian Ethical Tst	166.50	175.26	....	1.20
City Fin Assets	74.93	78.87	....	1.55
City Fin America	82.01	86.33	....	...
City Fin Intl	81.62	85.92	....	0.47
City Fin Japan	160.65	169.11	....	...
Friars Hse Cap	285.30	301.90†	....	2.16
Friars Hse Inc	210.91	223.10	....	4.69
Stockbr World Gwth	142.16	152.20	....	0.66
Fairmnt Cap Gth	148.27	156.07	+ 7.69	...
-do- Inc & Gth	123.18	129.66	+ 4.90	1.49
Fairmount Intl	164.17	172.81	+ 2.89	...
City Fin Pfflo Inc	64.69	68.82†	+ 1.72	2.41

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144
Emerging Markets | 50.76 | 53.41 | - 0.29 | ...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

American Gwth	59.12	63.34	- 0.30	...
Attns Mngd Gwth	38.23	41.22	- 0.15	...
Dragon Growth	78.59	84.04	- 1.34	0.35
Equity High Inc	90.94	96.44	- 0.67	3.15
European Gwth	49.75	52.79	- 0.23	0.64
Evergreen	31.11	33.27	- 0.04	...
General Equity	91.80	98.66	- 0.64	3.15
Gth & Fxd Int Inc	27.98	29.40†	+ 0.02	7.83
Japan Growth	46.43	50.15	- 0.30	...
Pexigree Gwth	54.02	57.32	- 0.16	1.52
Prof Sm Cos Inc	32.95	36.02	+ 0.21	0.66
Retirement Inc	28.90	31.07	- 0.13	4.78
Special Sits	39.96	42.74	+ 0.11	1.62
UK & Overseas	50.98	54.09	- 0.47	0.97

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 898 000

Capital	69.57	74.41	- 0.44	2.58
Income	66.98	71.64	....	3.48

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon (CR0 2AQ) 081 686 9818
PRESTOR PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	183.21	194.90	- 0.81	4.54
Fixed & Convertible	47.87	50.93†	- 0.56	5.58
Monthly Inc Plus	53.04	56.45	- 0.31	7.34
Preference Share	53.56	56.97†	+ 0.19	6.68
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	144.59	153.82†	- 0.45	5.34
Managed Fund	71.68	76.26	- 0.32	2.64
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	44.71	47.56	+ 0.17	1.73
UK & General	84.31	89.69	- 0.47	2.41
UK Growth	146.25	155.59	- 0.68	1.57
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	185.69	197.54	- 1.60	....
Far Eastern Gth	142.15	151.22	- 1.00	0.28
Global Bond	88.57	94.11	- 0.08	5.68
Japan Growth	117.86	125.49	- 0.71	....
North Amer Gwth	268.07	278.80	- 0.27	....
Oriental Growth	86.67	92.20	- 0.90	....
Worldwide Growth	65.34	69.51	- 0.17	0.24
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.54	92.54	+ 0.01	4.66
Moneymaker Fund	81.92	87.15	- 0.13	1.76
Quilter Fund	147.19	156.59	- 0.67	1.90

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Union Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 940

Growth Inc	62.74	66.74†	- 0.11	2.50
High Income	36.77	39.11	- 0.02	4.30
Japan	33.96	36.12	- 0.19	...
Smaller Cos Inc	33.28	35.40	+ 0.01	2.30
North American	34.63	36.83	+ 0.01	2.30
European	37.08	39.44	- 0.28	0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

Consistent UT	34.44	36.89	+ 1.17	4.01

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

Growth	152.40	162.20	- 0.40	1.73
Income	81.08	86.26†	- 0.47	3.97
European	59.80	63.72	- 0.05	0.76
Recovery	146.60	156.00	- 0.20	1.48

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 0484
Equity Dist | 871.20 | 926.20† | .... | 3.44

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 336

Fellowship Tst	76.99	81.90	+ 0.56	1.61
Income	259.60	276.20	....	3.06
Smaller Cos	150.70	160.40†	- 1.10	0.70
Pen Portfolio	62.7	68.01	- 0.03	0.77
High Income Pen	73.71	78.42	- 0.05	3.32

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 490 0777

Euro Small Cos	1485.5	1513.6	+17.40	..
Japan Small Cos	1162.3	1185.6	+54.20	..
UK Small Cos	1860.7	1935.9†	+78.90	..
US Small Cos	1671.2	1715.5†	+34.90	..

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8899

Disc Inc	106.00	206.30	....	2.73

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Rawdon Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2000

European Gwth	253.70	268.20	- 0.90	1.12
New Asia	234.60	256.10	- 1.50	0.31
Japan Growth	119.90	127.40	- 0.80	...
Japan Smlr Co	496.70	527.50	- 4.20	...
Nth Amer	252.10	267.30	- 0.90	0.91
Shlrd Asia Pac Int	133.00	141.20	- 0.70	0.44
UK Inc & Gwth	237.10	253.00	- 1.10	3.20

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	151.90	161.50	- 0.50	2.13
UK High Inc Inc	170.10	181.00	- 0.40	4.41
UK Pref & F I Inc	65.24	69.18	- 0.54	6.37
Envrnmntl Opps	86.59	92.15	- 0.52	1.33

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
UK Balanced Inc | 151.90 | 161.50 | - 0.50 | 2.13
UK High Inc Inc | 170.10 | 181.00 | - 0.40 | 4.41
UK Pref & F I Inc | 65.24 | 69.18 | - 0.54 | 6.37
Envrnmntl Opps | 86.59 | 92.15 | - 0.52 | 1.33

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

Balanced	123.06	130.61	- 0.65	4.29
Capital Growth	88.79	95.22	+ 0.05	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	48.38	51.01†	+ 0.01	0.21
High Income	50.48	53.85†	- 0.15	8.23
Warrant	68.16	74.09	+ 0.62	...
Zero Preference	98.11	40.44	+ 0.07	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 787

Family Asset Tst	78.85	83.88†	....	2.25
Family Income Tst	53.08	56.46	....	5.75
Family Trust	99.65	92.18†	....	1.32
United Charities	265.00	281.90	....	3.08

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree Private Clients: 0800 414 181
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181
Cash Fund

Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	4.85
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	25.22	26.57	- 0.01	3.03
-do- Europe	34.21	35.51	- 0.09	4.92
-do- America	23.89	25.10	- 0.02	0.45
-do- Asia Japan	27.09	28.61	- 0.32	0.66
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	32.05	32.33†	+ 0.24	6.08
Intl Bond	33.30	34.59	+ 0.03	4.72
Income Funds				
High Income	30.06	31.63†	....	4.44
Income Plus	133.60	142.10	- 1.40	3.59
Amer Eq Inc	48.96	51.81†	+ 0.10	1.79
European Income	64.77	68.61	+ 0.14	2.32
Far East Inc	64.96	69.22	- 0.07	3.27
Global Convertible	26.04	27.79†	- 0.09	2.03
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	64.29	68.56	- 1.45	...
American	238.10	252.40	- 1.00	...
Amer Spec Sits	113.70	121.30	....	...
Japan Smaller Cos	30.27	41.89	- 0.18	...
European	162.70	173.00	- 0.70	...
European Opps	60.32	64.14	- 0.07	...
UK Growth	94.01	99.97	- 0.37	...
Growth & Inc	167.60	178.30†	- 0.90	2.25
Intl PEP	37.18	39.54	- 0.17	...
Japan Spec Sits	87.63	93.64	- 0.78	...
Japan	182.90	194.80	- 1.50	...
Managed Intl	267.70	286.00	- 1.90	...
Moneybuilder	53.48	57.05	- 0.16	...
Recovery	47.28	50.28	- 0.09	...
South E Asia	170.90	182.30	- 1.50	...
Special Sits	844.10	983.90	+ 0.90	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	118.50	124.70	- 0.30	2.57
UK Reverse Index	68.88	73.75	+ 0.51	5.00
Europe Index	117.00	123.30	- 0.90	4.41
-do- Reverse Index	63.52	67.52	- 0.52	8.51
America Index	103.30	108.80	- 0.10	0.78
-do- Reverse Index	91.90	97.00	- 0.08	0.91
Japan Index	125.90	132.60	- 0.80	0.89
-do- Reverse Index	92.02	97.

Light profit-taking

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 17. Dealings end January 28. §Contango day January 31. Settlement day February 7. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
534	345	Abbey Nat	515	- 5	11.8	2.9	19.9
314	179	Alfred Mcal	307	- 1	...	3.4	15.7
245	130	Ans New Z	245	+ 6	...	3.7	...
3809½	2712½	Bankamerica	3128	-50	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	317	- 1	...	3.9	23.4
375	325	Bk Liverpl UK	375	...	17.0	5.7	...
2409	1189	Bank Scotland	2325	+ 7½	45	2.5	31.6
652	362	Barclays	617	+ 8	...	2.5	...
39½	15½	Carlisle	36	- ½	...	...	...
639	395	Cater Allen	637	- 1	20.0	5.6	...
179	85	Cattles	179	- 1	...	3.1	23.8
2457½	1643½	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2818½	1343½	Citicorp	2768	-43½	...	...	...
569	250	Close Bros	563	- 6	...	2.4	20.4
£155	92½	Commercial	£139½	-2½	...	2.4	...
£3685	£1805	Deutsche Bk	£3111½	-104½	...	2.6	...
98	45	First Nat Fin	94 †	+ 1	1.5	2.2	...
1651	676	Fuji Bank Y	1005	+ 1½	...	0.4	...
520	343	Gerrard Nat	507	- 5	21.5	5.3	13.5
987	490	HSBC	958	+ 8	20.0	3.0	22.2
1037	474	HSBC HK	980	-17	20.0	2.6	23.5
489	243	Hambros	453	-11	14.3	3.9	20.9
433	313	Joseph (L)	430	...	16.7	4.9	...
165	96	King Shaxson	165	+ 5	9.0	6.8	...
669	312	Kleinwort Ben	666	+ 9	14.7	3.2	22.7
492	492	Lloyds	648	+ 2	28.1	3.7	18.5
118	69	Lon Scot BK	113	+ 1	3.4	3.5	...
561	322	Nat Aust Bk	561	+ 9½	...	3.9	...
634	398	Nat West	625	+ 2½	17.8	3.7	16.7
573	220	Provident	529	-30	22.6	2.9	23.8
67	39	Rea Bros	66	- 1	0.5	1.0	70.2
478	207	Ryl Bk Scot	464 †	+ 8	30.0	3.0	21.0
1395	687	Schroders	1365	...	...	1.1	22.8
1324	595	Standd Chart	1316	-48	30.5	1.6	...
280	145½	TSB	267	+ 1	...	3.4	22.2
198	78	Union Disc	173	...	17.0	5.7	...
779	539	Warburg SG	667	- 2	...	2.6	14.1
91½	48½	Wells Fargo	89½	-1½	...	3.6	...
229½	121	Westpac	229½	+ 3½	...	2.4	...
335	188	Wintrust	325	...	9.3	3.5	28.1

BREWERIES

697	517	Allied-Lyons	681 †	+ 3	...	4.0	18.3
647	441	Bass	592 †	-16	...	4.2	18.1
597	389	Boddington	570	+ 2	7.3	3.5	15.7
499	362	Bulmer (HP)	494 †	+ 2	...	3.4	16.0
193	129	Burtonwd Bw	191 †	+ 2	4.7	3.0	14.0
181	75	Eldridge P 'A's	174 †	+ 7	3.5	2.6	...
108	74	Fraters Brewing	94	+ 1	...	4.2	...
450	338	Fuller Sm 'A's	450 †	+ 1	7.5	1.7	19.5
506	373	Grand Met	488 †	+ 5	...	3.3	15.7
511	347	Greenalls Grp	486 †	-14	...	3.2	16.9
394	325	Greene King	384 †	+ 6	...	2.6	15.8
552	388	Guinness	521	+9	20	3.9	19.5
31	21	Halkin Hldgs	28	...	...	3.6	12.1
281	230	Hardy Hamm	254 †	+ ...	8.5	4.2	...
138	105	Heavitree	135	...	3.0	2.2	...
430	295	Highland Dist	416	-3	...	2.0	20.7
3150	2538	Holt J	3150	...	42.0	2.9	20.8
320	280	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.8	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	147	+ 8	4.3	3.7	33.0
365	265	Macdn Mcrn 'A'	340	...	...	2.5	22.0
346	164	Mansfield	226	...	...	2.2	24.4
399	231	Morton Thmp	393	- 1	...	2.4	16.3
395	288½	Matthew Clark	395	...	...	3.8	19.6
240	210	Mrydwn W	245	...	7.0	3.6	21.9
380	455	Morland	353 †	- 1	...	2.8	19.6
12	6½	Paramount A	10½	...	...	1.8	15.5
228	145	Regent Inns	227	...	...	2.5	23.1
1297	1237½	S & A Breweries	1280½	-12½	...	2.1	23.1
391	303	S Aust & New	382	- 1	...	3.7	17.8
225	155½	Tennnan Caled	181 †	- 1	6.3	3.4	16.1
295	213	Vaux Group	288 †	- 1	...	4.1	18.5
381	225	Wetherspoon JD	365	+ 3	...	1.8	28.3
596	435	Whitbread 'A'	558	+10	...	3.8	14.3
513	463	Wolverhmpn D	500 †	+10	12.6	2.8	...
525	475	Young 'A'	525	+ 2	14.7	3.5	21.7

BUILDING, ROADS

100	72	Abbey	100 †	...	...	1.3	33.3
29½	12	Allnghtnm-s	19 †	...	...	0.7	...
168	87	Allen-s	168 †	+ 4	...	4.2	20.1
132½	65	Amec	129	...	3.0	2.9	23.8
13	4	Anglia Sec	10½	- 2	...	...	...
286	130	Ashtead	266	...	...	1.5	40.8
153	108	Ashwoods	148 †	...	...	1.4	...
363	180	BPB Ind	357 †	- 2	...	2.7	49.7
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	123 †	- 2	3.1	3.2	...
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	39	- 1½	0.6	1.9	...
108	74	Barcrft	94 †	- 2	3.0	5.1	...
57	32½	Barlow	53	- 3	2.0	4.7	20.1
278	94	Barrat Dev	273	+15	...	1.8	29.3
532	305	Bellway	528	- 3	12.0	2.3	...
54	15	Bellwinch	54	...	...	...	...
564	295½	Bickrdsy Gp	545 †	-15	...	1.4	20.4
127	65	Birt Dms	126	+ 1	...	2.0	16.3
68	36	Blockleys	61	...	1.0	2.0	67.4
384	189	Blue Circle	384	+ 1	...	3.7	...
335	220	Boot (Henry)	351	- 2	6.0	2.1	19.6
109	78	Brandon PLC	156	...	4.6	5.3	30.6
135	82	Br Dredging	134	...	5.2	4.9	25.7
86	45	Brit Fittings	80	...	1.7	2.7	...
197½	99	Bryant	189	- 2	...	3.2	38.1
145	53	CALA	145	...	...	2.0	...
365	200	CRH	364	+ 1	...	2.2	21.1
43	18	Cakebread Hby	35	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	39	- 1	...	...	...
178	86½	Countryside	174	- 3	...	3.0	...
114	35½	Crest Nicholson	108 †	- 3½	...	1.2	...
116	22	Crostrs	115	...	...	0.3	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	25	...	...	0.3	1.5
265	178	Epwin	256	...	...	7.0	3.2
68	32	Erith	68	...	...	0.3	0.6
595	282	Eve Gronpe	588	...	...	2.8	17.6
344	97	Freeman Gps	230	...	5.0	2.7	36.6
50	38	Galliford	48	...	...	2.6	...
82	52	Gibbs & Dandy	82	...	...	2.5	...
1000	668	Gleeson (M)	1000	...	...	1.6	17.4
177½	75	Hawden-Stuart	162	- 8	...	2.1	34.2
51	28	Hewetson	50	...	...	3.2	36.5
430	173	Heywd Wm	422 †	...	13.0	4.6	...
145	57	Higgs & Hill	145	+ 1	2.5	2.2	...
499	362	Hollnd Dtch	499	...	...	4.7	...
193	129	Burtonwd Bw	191 †	+ 2	4.7	3.0	14.0
181	75	Eldridge P 'A's	174 †	+ 7	3.5	2.6	...
108	74	Fraters Brewing	94	+ 1	...	4.2	...
450	338	Fuller Sm 'A's	450 †	+ 1	7.5	1.7	19.5
506	373	Grand Met	488 †	+ 5	...	3.3	15.7
511	347	Greenalls Grp	486 †	-14	...	3.2	16.9
394	325	Greene King	384 †	+ 6	...	2.6	15.8
552	388	Guinness	521	+9	20	3.9	19.5
31	21	Halkin Hldgs	28	...	...	3.6	12.1
281	230	Hardy Hamm	254 †	+ 7½	8.5	4.2	...
138	105	Heavitree	135	...	3.0	2.2	...
430	295	Highland Dist	416	-3	...	2.0	20.7
3150	2538	Holt J	3150	...	42.0	2.9	20.8
320	280	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.8	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	147	+ 8	4.3	3.7	33.0
365	265	Macdn Mcrn 'A'	340	...	...	2.5	22.0
346	164	Mansfield	226	...	...	2.2	24.4
399	231	Morton Thmp	393	- 1	...	2.4	16.3
395	288½	Matthew Clark	395	...	...	3.8	19.6
240	210	Mrydwn W	245	...	7.0	3.6	21.9
380	455	Morland	353 †	- 1	...	2.8	19.6
12	6½	Paramount A	10½	...	...	1.8	15.5
228	145	Regent Inns	227	...	...	2.5	23.1
1297	1237½	S & A Breweries	1280½	-12½	...	2.1	23.1
391	303	S Aust & New	382	- 1	...	3.7	17.8
225	155½	Tennnan Caled	181 †	- 1	6.3	3.4	16.1
295	213	Vaux Group	288 †	- 1	...	4.1	18.5
381	225	Wetherspoon JD	365	+ 3	...	1.8	28.3
596	435	Whitbread 'A'	558	+10	...	3.8	14.3
513	463	Wolverhmpn D	500 †	+10	12.6	2.8	...
525	475	Young 'A'	525	+ 2	14.7	3.5	21.7

BUSINESS SERVICES

673	463	ADT	661	- 5	19.0	4.5	6.6
388	198	Abbot & Harvey	358	...	9.5	4.4	12.1
58	32	Alc Londnrs	46	...	2.5	6.4	...
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	65	Auto Sec	139	...	...	5.5	24.9
162	84	BET Ord	159	- 2½	...	1.8	8.4
140	41	BNB Res	140	+ 1	4.9	4.4	...
318	183	BTR	253	...	8.3	4.1	14.0
178	154	BSM	174	- 2	...	4.2	15.3
1965	985	Barbour Index	235	- 3	8.1	4.6	14.5
32	15	Bourneud	25	...	...	0.7	4.0
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	207	...	...	4.7	29.1
26	11	Broadcastdata	24	+ 2	...	1.3	19.1
73	48	Brooks Service	60	...	...	1.6	...
128	105	CKT Gp	107	...	...	3.4	10.8
263	197½	Capita Group	249	...	...	1.3	34.2
31	19	Capita Plc	25 †	...	...	2.0	21.1
85	18½	Chiltern Capital	23½	- 2	...	...	...
70	36	Christie	66	- 2	...	1.5	13.0
480½	238	Chubb Sec	476 †	- 2	...	1.6	20.0
112	60	Comcast	112	- 1	...	1.3	31.6
44	6½	Corp Services	42	...	...	...	...
31	20	Courts Craig	28	+ 2	...	...	...
179	90	Dart	170	- 5	3.3	2.6	22.1
224	198	Davis Service	207½	- 5½	...	3.2	20.2
154	89	Dft Facts	134	...	4.4	4.3	14.2
32	11	Gardiner	30	...	0.4	1.5	20.8
317	215	Hays	313	+ 3	...	2.1	27.3
286	194	Hogg Robinson	286	+ 5	...	3.0	20.9
70	34	Holmes Protectn	57	+ 1	...	1.2	...
384	257	Hunt Whitmy	354	- 2	...	1.3	26.6
2915½	975	ISS S DKr	2615½	+ 3½	...	3.2	18.1
687	475	Inchcape	585	+ 3	...	3.2	18.1
968	668	Johnson Clean	968	...	25.7	3.3	21.1
12	2½	Lep	6½	...	...	...	...
318	173	Mitie Gp	318	+ 2	3.5	1.4	24.8
1234½	868½	Manpower	1215½	+ 6½	...	...	...
71	40½	Michael Page	71	...	...	1.8	32.2
229	115	Penna-s	115	...	...	8.0	8.7
5½	2	Prime Peoples	5	+ ½	...	...	...
142	57	Promotion Alex	68	...	...	20.0	3.6
453	337	RDO	395	+15	16.3	5.2	∞
118	80	Rdx	106	+ 1	2.0	2.4	...
125	43	Reed Executive	118	...	...	...	...
156½	105	Reliance Secs	120 †	...	4.5	4.4	20.0
266	178	Rentokil	263	- 1	2.5	1.2	32.8
368	230	Robt K Nelsn	353 †	...	...	2.5	24.9
399	319	Salvesen (C)	340 †	...	...	2.5	25.9
70	26	Scot Pickards	56	- 1	0.8	1.8	17.8
11	5	Select Appts	10½	...	...	...	...
1335	605	Serco Gp	1335	+ 2	13.5	1.2	36.9
352	83	Sherwd Comps	114	...	...	2.7	3.3
130	80	Shieldings	128	...	...	3.6	24.0
353	340	Warner Howard	337	...	8.0	2.5	17.1
45	27	Welpac	29	+ 1	...	...	...
39½	14	Wills Gp	39½	...	...	1.7	20.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

258	218	Allied Colloids	251 †	- ½	...	2.2	23.1
1041	613	Amersham	1030	- 3	...	1.7	29.6
7	1½	Anglo Ind	3½	+ ½	...	...	...
8110½	8025	BASF DM	8110½	-302½	...	3.7	...
353	199	BTP	321 †	+ 2	...	3.2	29.8
£1435½	£1014	Bayer DM50	£1349½	-209½	...	3.9	...
178	105	Biagden	161	...	6.5	5.1	17.2
166	93	Brent Chems	134	...	...	7.5	11.3
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	357	+ 2	...	...	21.5
12	5	Cntrl Gp	7½	...	7.3	9.8	21.0
184	126	Chemring (W)	183	...	...	3.3	16.8
695	421	Coumarin	535 †	+ 1	...	2.7	21.2
378	238	Croda	360	+ 4	...	2.7	19.5
149	103	Doetker	136	+ 4	4.6	3.4	25.8
231	175	ECC & Everard	220 †	- 1	...	2.3	17.0
471	15½	Exec Cotbost	35½	...	...	2.4	17.0
351	259	Hartwell Gl	344	+ 4	...	2.9	17.0
241	150	Hickson	183	- 1	...	5.5	17.0
1127½	6850	Hoechst	6113½	-228½	...	2.4	17.5
299	197	Hornby Chem	290	- 2	...	4.5	...
805	608	ICI	755	-12	...	3.1	22.2
815	536	Laporte	805	- 7	18.0	3.1	31.6
248	181	Leigh	238 †	- 1	...	4.2	20.5
67½	36	MTM	57	- 1	...	...	...
2300½	1482½	Norsk Hydro	2256½	- 6½	...	1.2	32.4
471	370	Paterson Zoch	471	+ 2	...	3.3	14.6
488	360	-do- 'A'	488	+ 2	...	3.7	16.9
256	198	Plysu	254 †	+ 5	...	3.5	20.1

DRAPERY, STORES

303	123	Fenwick	228	+ 1	3.0	1.3	20.2
70	35	Ratcliffe Sprnt	46	+ 2	...	...	...
982	452	Wardle Storeys	454	+ 6	...	4.8	20.4
560	295	Wheelhouse H	560	...	17.0	3.0	20.2
465	330	Yorks Chem	456	+ 1	...	2.1	26.3
308	228	Yule Catto	308	+ 6	...	2.6	16.1
669	503	Zotos	658	-46	...	4.5	42.2

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103	55	Alexon	64	...	...	2.0	...
248	123	Allders	205	- 2	...	1.2	17.5
410	257	Argos Plc	376	- 9½	...	2.4	32.1
52	8	Ashley Group	11	...	...	2.1	...
116	69	Ashley (Laura)	98	...	0.1	0.1	...
357	276	Asprey	357 †	...	5.2	1.2	20.0
193	94	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.0	...
183	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	168	+ 4	...	4.2	16.4
150	94	Bemalls	144	+ 5	1.6	1.1	...
228	125	Bensrwire	146	- 6	...	1.4	19.2
87	27	Blacks Leis	28 †	- 1	2.2	7.9	...
261	153	Body Shop	252	- 5	...	0.9	37.5
107	9	Brown A Jackson	10	...	...	...	5.1
451	318	Brown (N)	438	-17	20.0	2.6	20.8
89½	40½	Burton	70 †	+ 4	...	3.6	...
225	126	Camden	223	...	...	2.2	31.1
330	205	Church	330	+ 2	12.5	3.8	40.5
110	57	Clinton Cards	108	- 2	4.5	4.2	18.9
287	212	Coats Viyella	278	- 6	...	3.4	28.4
120	78	Colthurst-Sn	118	...	5.5	7.0	18.0
185	154	City Centrals	169	...	...	3.0	15.7
695	534	Courts Furnish	680	- 3	5.6	0.8	11.3
155	115	Crown Dns	155	...	7.5	4.8	12.6
137	88	Daisy Fairs Intl	116	- 5	...	3.1	17.1
109½	51½	Dewhirst (J)	109	- ½	0.9	0.9	15.0
268	189	Dixons Grp	222 †	+ 4	...	3.5	...
21	9	ERA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
500	403	Ejjo (Wholstrs)	500	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
259	71	Essex Fairs	259	+ 6	...	1.7	41.4
223	203	Etam	220	...	7.0	3.4	23.7
208	699	Fine Art Dev	357 †	...	13.0	3.6	18.1
70	26	First Smith 'Elm	40	...	...	...	...
723	498	Forminster	723 †	...	...	4.0	19.2
103	68	Gallenkamp	68	...	...	0.3	...
24	12	Gent Sir	17	...	...	3.0	20.8
639	334	Gnds	615	+ 6	...	2.4	18.5
30½	19	Gt Universal	30½	...	...	3.3	24.2
1000	665	Habitat Hldgs	1000	...	...	1.6	17.4
774	442	Hamilton	764 †	- 9½	9.5	1.5	∞
2889	108	Hi	204 †	+ 4½	...	2.0	29.9
1040	940	Hornell Elect	940	-13	...	1.4	20.9
91	33	Feedback	74 †	...	...	3.4	10.0
327	101	Fitzs Tech	327	+ 3	...	0.8	27.1
270	81	Forward Gps	240	...	4.0	2.1	17.0
226	135	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
2975	2567	GKN	2937 †	+ 2	10.4	3.9	16.8
199	132	Grassby	178	...	...	7.7	37.4
14	7	Grapeshot	11½	...	...	...	...
52	25	Hardcastle	48	+ 2	0.5	1.1	...
95	55	Hartstone	88	+ 2	...	2.3	14.9
109	70	Heritage-s	108	...	...	...	...
93	53	Honeywell-Sn	74	...	...	3.8	10.0
211	63	Hoopers Vest	211	...	...	2.3	15.4
186	118	Ind Control	150	...	...	3.7	15.1
388	320	Jones Stroud	385	...	...	3.9	15.3
116	26	Kalamazoo	116 †	+ 2	2.7	2.9	26.9
18	9	Kenbourg	12½	+ ½	0.1	1.6	...
389	260	Kenwood Appl	385 †	+ 1	...	2.3	21.6
265	47	Lewis Sys	265	+18	...	...	...
209	100	Rodc	146	...	4.0	5.1	17.3
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365	122	Lindex-A	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
313	185	Lo Rolfe	255	...	9.0	4.4	...
300	205	Lrc Rolfe	255	...	9.0	4.4	...
179	139	Life Sciences	162	- 2	3.7	2.9	17.6
180	164	Logica	180	...	...	1.6	28.3
347	174	Lyles Inds	322	...	2.5	0.8	15.3
229	162	MB Data Magmt	195	+2	...	3.3	16.0
733	523	Macro 4	718	...	...	3.1	21.8
205	175½	Mcwhirter-Swn	205	+ 7	...	1.7	28.5
3011	923	Micro Focus	1118	-10	...	...	31.3
227	149	Microgen	175 †	+ 1	7.2	5.2	∞
35½	23½	Microvitec	35½	...	...	...	...
534	357	Misys	534	...	...	1.6	19.5
594	98	Mktg	578	- 5	...	...	...
1035	388	MMT Comps	1035	+ 1	...	3.0	22.6
52	16	Mdyns	35	...	1.3	3.6	...
222	203	MTL Instr-s	205	...	3.7	1.7	20.0
183	103	Molstone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
278	115	Monmy Ruter	272 †	+ 3	...	1.8	∞
1825	1175	Morse-S	1825	+ 25	...	...	...
188	125	Neotronics	134	...	2.6	2.7	∞
65	42	Newmark (J)	53	...	...	...	...
288	88	Norbain	284	...	...	0.6	22.6
75	35	Northn Telecm	58	...	0.6	1.3	...
5	2	Oceanic	5	...	...	...	...
195	105	Oxford Inst	157	...	4.6	1.9	23.1
83	48	P-E Interpnl	82	...	...	...	...
87	39	P R ®	72	...	...	2.5	20.8
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2975	1725½	TDC	2750	-15½	...	1.3	19.9
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1099	809	TEXON Int	1094 †	...	...	3.7	26.4
152	76	Thorpe FW	141	...	...	3.5	20.8
303	23	Total Systems-A	43	+ 3	1.5	4.6	7.3
572	352	Tunstall	573 †	+ 3	7.0	1.5	∞
295	164	Unitech	291	...	...	2.6	66.9
15	6	Vality	12½	...	...	...	...
56	21	Vinten-s	55	...	...	...	...
634½	367	Vodafone	580 †	- 5	0.3	1.5	25.7
470	368	Volex	468 †	+ 4	18.1	4.9	18.9
705	426	Sth Western	685 †	- 8	...	3.9	10.1
726	405	Southern Elec	706 †	- 4	...	3.7	9.3
682	455	Yorkshire Elec	679 †	- 5	...	3.9	12.8

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693	404	London Elect	687 †	- 6	...	3.5	12.9
783	458	Manweb	777 †	+ 8	...	3.5	9.7
731	424½	Midlands Elec	715	- 4	...	3.6	11.1
721	471	National Power	695	+ 3	...	3.5	11.3
1000	640	Northern Elec	722 †	- 3	...	3.9	9.4
1000	647	Northern Ireland	647	+10½	...	3.8	12.3
1000	709	Norweb	748 †	+ 4	20.5	3.5	10.7
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For many information technology experts, 1993 was a difficult period. **David Guest** looks to the future for glimpses of hope

Few bright spots in a dim prospect

Software developers who can build client-server systems and telecommunications specialists with data and voice expertise look best placed to have a happy new year.

For many information technology specialists, 1993 was the latest in a series of difficult years — layoffs, pay freezes and little prospect of improving the position by moving to a new job were common developments. Early signs are that most specialists, apart from specific groups, will find 1994 little better.

Some of the auguries are contradictory. Despite the increasingly common view that the recession is over, IT managers ultimately responsible for head counts are almost evenly split on the subject.

IDC, a market research organisation, found towards the end of last year that 26 per cent believed the worst was passed. But 27 per cent did not expect the recession to end until 1996 at the earliest. Another 48 per cent see 1994 as the dawn of better times.

This year has already shown some discouraging signs. There were more individual blackspots, such as those around IBM, the giant computer maker, which has already cut its staff by 30 per cent and recently announced it would shed more staff in Europe this year.

A National Computing Centre survey late last year found job prospects for IT specialists poor, as fewer people left the industry or moved within it, which led to fewer vacancies. The survey also looked at salaries, which rose on average only 2.6 per cent in 1993, half the figure of the previous year.

There is more mixed news in the latest quarterly survey by Price Waterhouse and the magazine *Computing*. For contractors, there is comfort in the discovery that more companies expect to increase expenditure on outside IT staff than plan to reduce it — 21 per cent to 16 per cent — but for full-time staff the position is almost exactly the reverse. Twenty-two per cent of respondents expect the number of systems and programming staff employed to fall in the coming year, as against 16 per cent who expect to see an increase in numbers.

The survey forecasts that telecommunications specialists will be best-placed. Only 2 per cent of companies expect to reduce their requirement for these skills, as opposed to 13 per cent forecasting an increase.

This finding is supported by Hugh Emerson, managing director of Nescomms, a network recruitment specialist. He says: "Since last July, we have seen a considerable upturn in activity compared with the previous two years. It has surprised us a little because, with companies cautious about taking on permanent staff, we expected to see first an upturn in contracting, but the improvement is in both areas. It seems companies see it as a good time to recruit." The specific skills in demand now, he adds, are for local area networks and bridged local area networks rather than the older mainframe-based wide area networks.

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Susan Cuff: communications skills "of all kinds" are in demand

"There is also rising demand for people with both data and voice experience," Mr Emerson says. "Unix seems to be the dominant operating system, and software products of the fourth-generation language type — databases such as Oracle and Informix — are in demand.

"There are one or two niche areas in which mainframe experience is needed, but I think that if I were in mainframes I'd look for retraining this year."

Susan Cuff, customer services director of Computer People, a recruitment agency, agrees on the high demand for communications skills "of all kinds". She also suggests that the increasingly fashionable style of computer layout called client-server will generate demand for new sets of software development and project management skills.

> 'There is rising demand for people with both data and voice experience'

She says recovery has already been apparent in the job market in IT. "Companies have had projects on hold, in some cases for up to three years, and budgets will be released as the need to deliver those systems grows. I should add, though, a health warning for applicants — there is still a lot of choice for employers in many areas of expertise."

Ms Cuff thinks that the recession is not without a silver lining for contract staff. Although recognising that recent years have been hard for self-employed specialists, with rates and lengths of contract under pressure, their image has, she believes, been enhanced.

"Employers have not felt able to commit to the career development of full-time staff," she says. "Therefore their use of contractors has been very thoughtful.

"I think that in some cases it has changed people's attitudes towards contractors. They no longer see them as mercenaries, or a necessary evil. Nevertheless, employers are generally interested in the career development of their staff and I expect full-time jobs to recover as well."

Another effect of recession, she says, is that companies are becoming more rigorous in their use of IT, leading to rising demand for people with experience of structured development methodologies and formalised project management approaches. "A lot of big companies are looking for people who can show they have successfully delivered projects with an element of quality management built-in," she says.

According to the Price Waterhouse survey, opportunities for contractors are likely to be the greatest, not surprisingly, in the biggest companies. Organisations that have more than 5,000 employees formed the biggest group among those that expected spending on outside computer specialists to increase in 1994. By industry sector, the most promising areas for freelances are the finance and computer services sectors.

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A daily paper — written for you

Newsletters to suit your needs are now available, but they are not cheap, says Matthew May

A personalised daily newsletter service which is edited just for you is to be launched in Britain. But with a minimum annual subscription of £5,000, the target audience, for the moment, is large businesses.

The claim is that an electronically customised news service can be a faster, more relevant and sometimes cheaper way to keep key executives informed than other methods, such as having someone cut out applicable articles from newspapers and magazines.

The methods used to select the information are an interesting example of what might become commonplace if, as the computer industry predicts, such services eventually become cheap enough to be beamed into tomorrow's handheld personal communicators or PCs and television sets at home.

Already in use by 20,000 people from 600 companies, largely based in America, First is run by a Massachussetts-based company, Individual, which has just started to offer it in Europe.

Information for the newsletter is obtained by scanning an average 12,000 stories each day generated by news agencies such as Reuters and Ziff Wire — which concentrates on computer industry news — as well as some of the relevant newspapers and magazines that have an electronic version available on the day of publication.

The service selects stories based on criteria defined by each subscriber and ranks them in order of relevance.

The search criteria typically selected can include tracking competitors, suppliers or technologies, though one increasing use, says Ted Howard-Jones, the sales and marketing director for Individual UK, based at Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, is by marketing and sales people who customise their service to look at what potential customers are up-to.

The full text of a certain number of articles is then used to compile the personal newsletter, which can be received either by a company's computer via electronic mail, or as a database into the Lotus Notes software. For the less switched-on, it can also be sent by fax.

On average, subscribers opt to see the most relevant nine or 10 articles a day in their field, says Mr Howard-Jones. Subscriptions range from £5,000 a year, which covers up to 10 people in a company receiving the customised newsletter to £50,000 for a multi-national corporation that may want to provide hundreds of senior and middle management employees with copies of it.

Each day subscribers can score the articles for relevancy. This ranking is used by the software to adjust its selection criteria — particularly useful, says the company, as it automatically monitors and adjusts the stories selected if a customer's interests change. Individual says that on average, subscribers find around 80 per cent of the information sent pertinent.

Search criteria can be entered in reasonably plain English with the software examining each sentence to find key words, synonyms and roots before weighting them in importance.

Subscribers get more of what they want and less of what they don't argues Jaques Bouvard, vice-president of engineering, especially for those working in "information intensive" industries who may be faced with a proliferation of newspapers and specialised publications that are seen as required reading in order to to keep up with their field.

"Now they simply arrive at their desks in the morning and the news is there," he says.

Chief customers at the moment are companies in information technology, telecommunications, energy, electronics and pharmaceuticals.

One fan is Simon Walker, the systems development manager for the systems business group at Panasonic Europe, which has been testing the service on the product marketing managers in each of its technology areas.

"Industrial news about systems automation, new competitive products and new technologies and their impact on the market is critical," says Mr Walker, who finds that 90 per cent of the stories received are relevant to their business, compared to 60 per cent with previous methods of gathering news.

"It is critical to our success that we make decisions based on relevant timely information. Decisions based on old data can seriously affect the company's revenue," he says.

Majed Tomeh, the vice-president of editorial and operations for the company, describes the service as an "information refinery" and argues that, in addition to a royalty paid for each story sent out, one attraction for those publishers willing to allow their stories to be used in this way is that they may get more subscribers directly. "When we deliver a story that really makes an impact on a subscribing company's business, they generally go to the originating source for research and sign up for a direct subscription," he says.

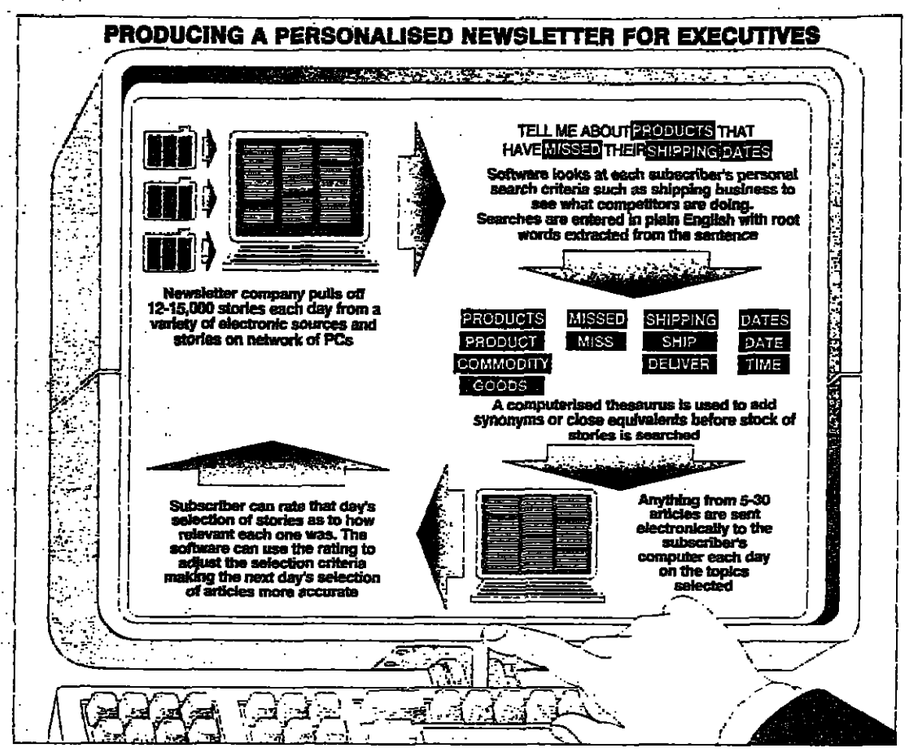
A version for wireless networks is now starting in America, so that information can be sent directly into electronic notepads, such as the Apple Newton.

This makes use of another Individual service, called Headsup: for about £30 a month, individuals can select up to ten topics from a list of 700, such as semiconductors or optical storage, and receive a daily digest of news articles about them.

Subscribers can request the full text of one article a month free, and more for around £3 each.

Individual has proved that producing the sort of "personalised newspaper" that collates stories of interests to a particular person from a wide variety of sources is certainly feasible technologically.

While the economics are starting to make sense for use by business, experts in the field remain divided in their opinions of how soon , or even whether, such customised information can be presented at a low enough price for everyday personal use. Some wonder whether it will ever be feasible.



ONLINE

Sharper colour

IN A race to keep ahead, Japan's Sharp has announced plans to invest 53 billion yen (£313 million) on its third plant to produce thin-film transistor liquid crystal display (TFT-LCD) panels.

Japan is the only country producing TFT-LCD panels. They are used to make screens in the latest generation of colour notebook computers.

Sharp says the plant, in central Japan, will produce 10-inch and larger displays with wide viewing angles targeted at products such as high-definition personal computers, personal workstations and large-format high-quality televisions.

Less is more

COMPUSERVE, the on-line information service with a worldwide membership of 1.6 million, is to cut the cost of its hourly priced services by 40 per cent.

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Solar film

THE United States Energy Department has demonstrated a solar technology which it says can supply a home's entire daytime electric power at nearly half the present cost. The $6.26-million project, with United Solar Systems, has come up with a thin film that can look like roofing shingles. The department said the technology could create "spinoffs for a new electronic industry of photocopiers, fax machines, flat-panel displays" and other products.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The cockroach approach

Neural networks could provide 'intelligent' machines

Scientists trying to explain neural networks often draw an analogy with the human brain. Neural networks, they say, are computing devices which, in an important sense, are more like the human brain than like conventional computers. They have the ability to "learn", rather than be programmed, can deal with incomplete data and can classify data that they have not encountered before.

The trick with neural networks lies not in their software but in their structure. They mimic the biological brain.

Instead of having one big powerful processor that everything is channelled through, the brain has billions of tiny, relatively simple processors (neurons), which act together and are connected in a parallel way. Neural networks are built the same way, though with far fewer processors.

Neural networks may have human-like qualities but they are infinitely more simple than a human brain. A better comparison, says Dr Tom Harris, of Brunel University, might be a sea-slug or a cockroach. But the cockroach should not be underrated.

"It can navigate, walk, find food and metabolise. It is possible to do a lot with the cockroach's processing power," Dr Harris says.

So rather than trying to, as it were, build a better brain, Dr Harris and his colleagues in Brunel's Neural Applications Group have decided to take what already exists and find out how it can be applied.

"If we can model this sort of processing power and put it in charge of an industrial plant, say, then you've got a very powerful machine that you can start using now."

The group's work centres mainly around signal processing and recognition. One project, in collaboration with Dunlop, involves a neural network which can "listen" to vehicle tyres being tested on a rolling road. The Dunlop researchers run tyres at very high speeds, measuring how long they take to fail and exactly how they fail. Traditionally a human operator would sit by the test rig listening for the characteristic noise of a tyre about to fail.

"When he hears it he stops the machine," says Dr Harris, "so you can examine the tyre intact rather than go in with a dustpan and brush and collect all the little bits of rubber. But the tests can last several hours, so it's a boring job for the operator. What we're trying to do is put a microphone in the test room."

Another project, one in which the cockroach analogy will probably be played down a bit, involves a network to monitor the "health" of food processing machinery.

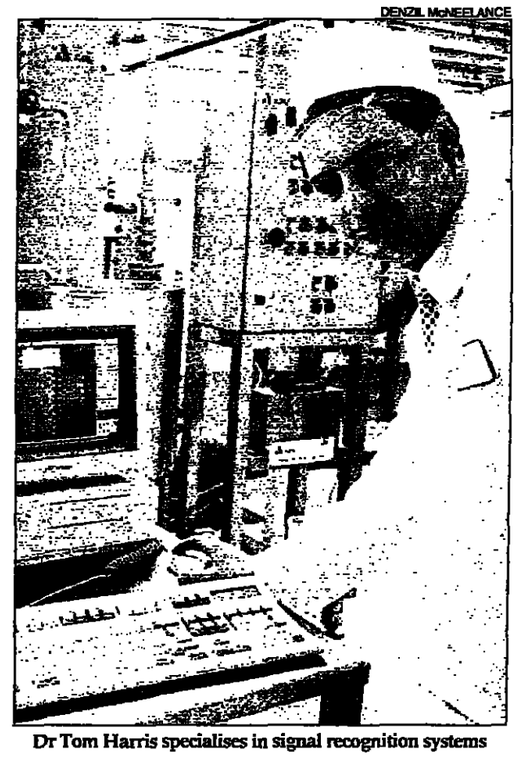
People use a range of different maintenance strategies with machines, says Dr Harris. With a washing machine, for example, most people use a breakdown strategy. You run the machine and mend it when it breaks down, but do not normally service it. With cars one uses preventative maintenance — you take it in regularly and run through a checklist of checks.

The next step is predictive maintenance. "You monitor the machine very carefully and when you detect that something is just about to go wrong, you replace the component. You get the maximum life out of your component and warning of failure."

To do that you need a very accurate monitoring system. Dr Harris's team has been working with the Leatherhead Food Research Association in Surrey to build just such a system.

"We've been able to train a neural network connected to a microphone to listen to pumps — in this case water pumps, but they could be ice-cream pumping machines or anything pumping liquids around. When they start to sound strange the network picks it up and gives an advance warning that something is going wrong with the pump," he says.

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Jane Bird explains why today's notebook computers can be more than a match for some desktop PCs

STEPHEN MARKESON



Cambridge train on the River Thames: sensors attached to the oars record the strength and speed of the strokes on a portable computer

The pulling power of the laptop

If Cambridge wins the Boat Race again this year, it will be thanks in part to a portable computer. The team is using one to monitor the performance of the crew and ensure that they row with optimum efficiency.

Sensors attached to each oar's blade take samples of the strength and speed of the strokes 100 times a second for analysis on the portable. Charles Woodburn, an engineering postgraduate who developed the analysis software, says: "We can see exactly what each member of the crew is doing and train them to row together with maximum efficiency."

Portables, the latest generation of which are known as notebooks, are a long way from the sewing-machine sized "luggables" of the early 1980s. The power and memory of these early portables were not a patch on their desktop counterparts.

Yet today's notebooks can be more than a match for some desktop PCs. Insurance salesmen can even give multimedia presentations thanks to the addition of voice and music *microprocessors, and then print out* complete policies in your living room thanks to integrated printers.

Mr Woodburn, who developed his software on a desktop system for last year's Boat Race, says: "Using the portable is so much better because we can take it in a rucksack on the coach's launch, get an immediate result, and let the oarsmen try again." The fact that the machine is exposed to the elements does not seem to cause a problem.

The portables sector is one of the fastest growing of the computer market, led by companies such as Compaq, Toshiba, IBM and Apple. *According to IDC, the market* research company, the 2.7 million portables shipped in 1992 will more than double to 6.2 million units by 1997 — a market worth £8 billion.

Some people are buying portables instead of conventional PCs, but sales of desktop systems are also forecast to grow for the foreseeable future. This is partly because portables are still relatively expensive at £1,500 to £2,500. Moreover, costs are not really falling — you just get more for your money every year.

Small screens are another limitation of portables, Simon Pearce, an IDC analyst, says. Users often want to display several different applications at the same time, for example, a wordprocessing document, a spreadsheet and a diary. "Most portables don't have enough space to view this much on the screen simultaneously. Consequently, many people are still choosing to buy conventional PCs *with 17in monitors," he says.*

However, portable users are no longer restricted to black and white. Basic colour screens are available for *about £300 extra, and the price* premium may be down to £100 by the end of this year.

For top-quality colour images, however, you need a display based on the more expensive active matrix thin film transistor technology which gives a good image even in dull lighting conditions and does not suffer from shadowing when you move images on screen.

The need for good-sized screens, and for keyboards which make typing comfortable, puts practical limits on the size to which portables can shrink. However, reduced weight *is a crucial factor for many users and* an increasing proportion of sales are now in the "sub-notebook" category — machines weighing less than 4lb.

Jeff Goldberg, an analyst at Dataquest, the market research consultancy, says that manufacturers will make these machines even slimmer by dropping floppy disk drives and rearranging batteries.

Compaq is the undisputed market leader in portables. Mr Goldberg says. "Compaq knows how to manufacture in volume. Its machines work, and the portables are fully integrated with the desktop range."

However, a player coming up fast from behind is IBM, with its ThinkPad 750C. Although not renowned for its innovation in the portable sector, IBM could soon oust Toshiba from second place. The only problem with the Thinkpad is that *IBM has been unable to meet* demand. The company seems to have been as surprised as everyone else at its ability to succeed.

Some users may be more attracted to the new generation of electronic organisers. These abandon the need for a keyboard by enabling users to write on the screen with an electronic pen. They can then either convert the writing to computer text or store it as images — ideal for maps and diagrams.

Indeed, user-friendliness is an increasing feature of all portables because the home and personal market offers by far the biggest growth potential.

This was what first attracted Mr Woodburn to his Apple Powerbook *portable. He wanted his system to be* intelligible to people with no computer knowledge. "Two years ago, when we began our project, you couldn't get graphical screens on other portables." Another Apple innovation was the trackerball, which provides an ingenious alternative to the mouse pointing device when the machine is being used on your lap. Also popular now is IBM's trackpoint — a cursor device in the middle of the keyboard.

Many users of portable computers want to communicate with colleagues while on the move. Teams that are widely dispersed on the ground may need to share data or collaborate on projects as though they were in the same office. Sales people need to check the availability of products or access the latest price changes.

The traditional solution has been to plug the portable into the nearest phone socket. Manufacturers such as AT&T are beginning to provide *cellular phone adapters with their* portables to allow inter-computer communication while users are travelling or at remote locations where *fixed phone links are not available.*

The problem is the lack of worldwide standards in cellular communications — users face having to buy a different adapter for each country. The pan-European GSM specification for cellular communications should simplify the problem.

Back at the desk, communicating with the office network can be made easier by using a "docking station", which allows the portable to be slotted in to a desktop screen and keyboard. It also saves money by avoiding the duplication of processor and memory. The disadvantage is that most portables (though not the Apple Duo) require users to switch off when they want to rejoin the network. The "plug-and-play" market will be one of the big competitive battlegrounds of the future.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Charles Woodburn, opposite the boathouse, with his laptop computer

Travel the world with a portable

Successful computing goes beyond simply switching on your machine

Seasoned travellers with portable computers can cross the world, working and communicating as they go, usually without a hitch.

But for the newcomer, life is rarely so simple. Successful portable computing goes far beyond the simple mastery of switching your machine on and learning to use the software. It includes mastering the art of conserving power while you work, changing and recharging batteries, and making the modem work.

Power conservation is an important issue on modern notebooks. Most of us want bright screens and full Windows capabilities, but the price of these luxuries is a limited battery life, often less than two hours.

Good notebooks will have some form of power management facility that allows you to spin out the battery life to the maximum by reducing hard disc access or powering down if the machine is unused for a specified period.

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At a push, you may be able to recharge your notebook from the shaver point in an aircraft toilet, but this may not go down too well with the crew or, indeed, fellow passengers.

Trying to contact other computers remotely through a modem demands particular forethought and can trip up even hardened PC fans. The most basic pitfall is the telephone socket, which varies in size and format throughout the world.

Specialist shops such as Tele *Adapt in London can supply a* range of foreign phone jack adapters. Most business hotels in America now have a *data socket somewhere in the* room, and the rest of the world is starting to catch up.

If there is no socket, you will *need to use one in someone's* office or buy a modem that doubles as an acoustic coupler which fits around a telephone *handset and communicates* directly across the line through audible squeaks and hisses.

The final obstacle to be overcome for the hotel-bound communicator is the local phone system, and it is one which defeats many. To get your notebook to dial across the world, you will need to tell it how to get an outside line, dial long distance and negotiate any phone card billing numbers you may be using.

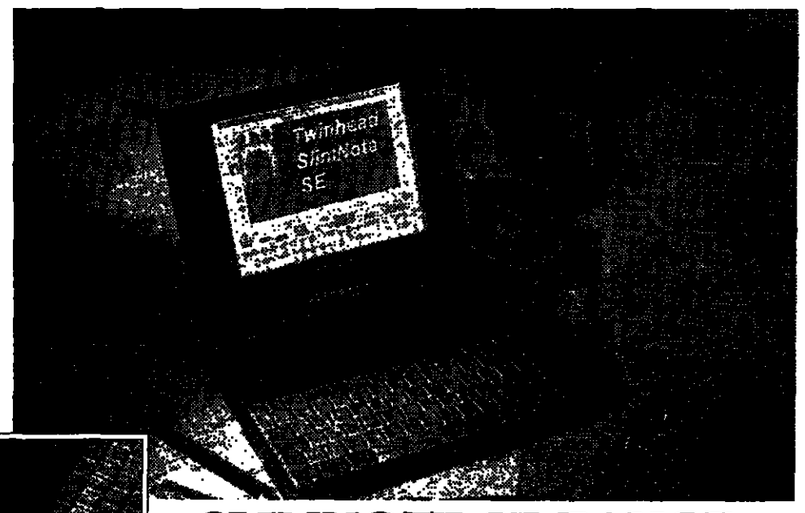
So, as an example of how to make a modern notebook call, let me tell you *how this* particular article arrived from a hotel in Silicon Valley.

American international hotel *rates are often normally* operator-based call charges plus a 40 per cent hotel surcharge. Like many people, I have a calling card, which allows numbers to be dialled direct from the room and charged to a single business account. To talk to *The Times* computer in London, I need to dial 81, to get an outside line, an 800 number to contact the calling card service, a 16 digit card number followed by a four-number code, then 01 for a foreign call followed by the country code and number.

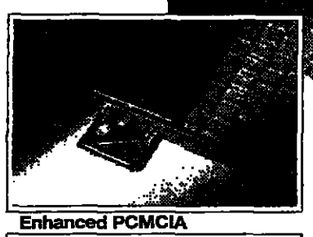
It all worked well, once I had discovered that calling card systems are too slow to cope with a modem's high-speed dialling, so the number has to be dialled manually. This was news to the Ameri*can Sprint operator who tried* to connect several earlier calls.

The moral is: international telecommunications with a notebook can work well, provided you keep your wits — and your computer manuals — about you at all times.

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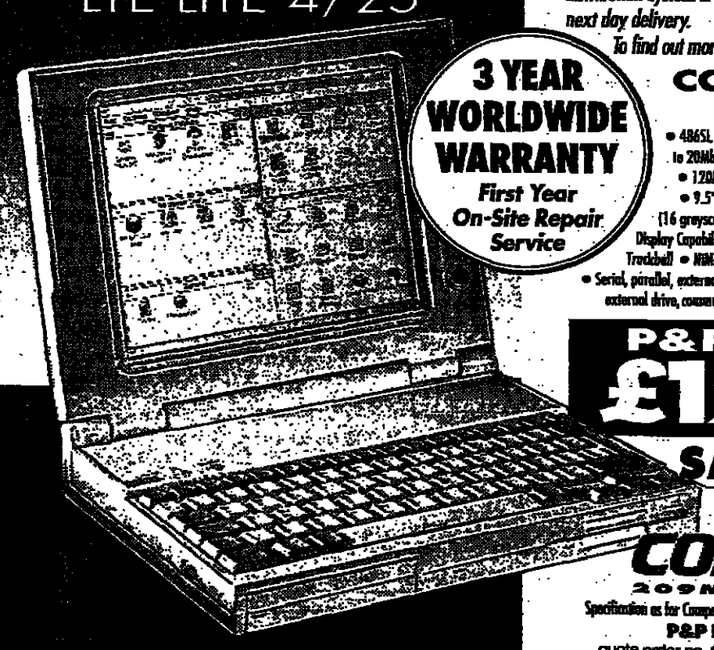
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Has qwerty had it?

There is every sign that the pen may soon become mightier than the keyboard. **David Hewson** reports

The sight of a notebook user quietly typing away on a train or plane is an increasingly familiar one. Yet for many travelling computer workers, the keyboard is simply a device for accessing or editing information on the machine, and a fairly daunting one at that.

Research by PC manufacturers shows that many potential portable buyers are put off by the idea of learning to use a qwerty keyboard if all they are doing is using it to find the huge store of data which sits on a modern notebook.

If you need to type reports or produce complex financial spreadsheets, the conventional computer, notebook or otherwise, is essential. But if, like many portable users, your requirements are more basic, one of the new generation of pen-based computers may be the answer.

Manufacturers have been trying to marry the pen to the personal computer for years, but it is only in recent years that they have found any degree of technological success through two very different key products: a version of Microsoft Windows for pen computers and the arrival of Apple's Newton, a hand-held electronic notepad which is likely to be the shape of many such devices to come.

There is a special package of Windows software for pen computers — a fully-fledged version of the popular Microsoft operating interface, spiced up with extra pen facilities that allow you to flick through folders of documents, call them up, and carry out simple editing tasks using an electronic stylus.

A "gesture" language allows the user to carry out common tasks normally allocated to the keyboard or mouse through basic flicks of the pen across the screen.

Cutting, copying, pasting and moving data can all be done by a combination of gestures and drawing. Once mastered, the keyboard-less system can do anything you might expect of its conventional cousin, and one thing more: handwriting recognition.

With Windows, this is deliberately basic. If you want to change a word or a number in a document, you use the pen to edit the data and then carefully write your new letters or numbers in a box which then reads them into the file.

If your handwriting is so bad that the computer fails to translate your characters, you can call up an on-screen keyboard and "type" in the right entry. The process is limited, but perfectly acceptable for minor revisions of text or numerical documents.

> 'With the pen system you can see what you're doing on the screen as you work with it'

Apple's smaller Newton tries to analyse your normal script handwriting and then sorts the data into intelligent categories through electronic diaries, contacts books, notes and financial documents. The friendly way the Newton manages information has won many industry admirers, though the degree of success of the handwriting recognition routines in the device do seem vary wildly.

Sales of the Newton have been modest, partly because of the high price of £600 and partly because of the lack of add-ons that can turn a polished executive toy into a truly useful business tool.

Manufacturers continue to argue about what actually makes up a successful portable device, but they do agree that they are a coming trend in which the functions of electronic organisers, notebook computers, pagers and faxes will be combined in a small, highly portable unit without a keyboard.

The small band of dedicated pen Windows users tend to be surprised that their way of computing has, so far, failed to catch on. Christine Hooper, a South Wales payroll consultant, bought a pen-based Compaq Concerto for the business she runs with her husband and found the pen interface transformed her ability to master the machine.

The Concerto is a halfway house between a pure pen machine and a conventional notebook; the computer can be accessed through a normal keyboard, or the screen can be detached and used on its own through the built-in pen.

"I used computers before but I'm 40 and, like many people my age, I wasn't too happy with them. Using Windows improved things but it was still a compromise," she says. "But I'm delighted with the pen system. It's much better than a mouse because you can see what you're doing with the pointing device on the screen as you work with it. It allows me to use the computer as a tool which I was never able to do before."

For the moment, pen products remain niche items, largely of interest to certain special fields and the people the computer industry label "early adopters", buyers who like to have the newest, most innovative computers on the market, and are willing to pay to be ahead of the rest of us.

But there is every sign that, for some tasks, the pen will finally take over from the keyboard, making travelling computers lighter and easier to use than ever for anyone whose handwriting has remained sufficiently legible over the years.

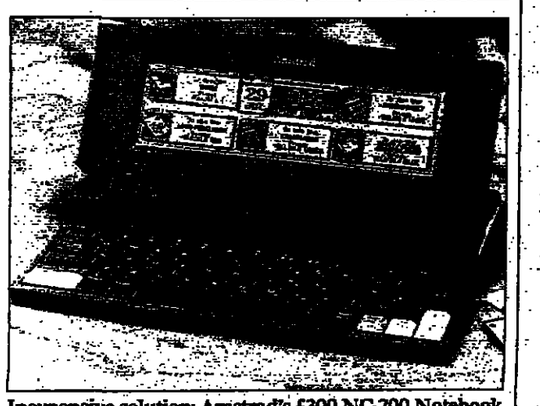
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Christine Hooper, a payroll consultant, demonstrates her pen-based Compaq Concerto

Narrowing the field

With so many options available, how does a buyer make a choice?



Inexpensive solution: Amstrad's £300 NC-200 Notebook

There are almost 200 models of portable computers on sale in Britain according to the latest guide by the monthly magazine *What PC?*. This gives some idea of the choice facing anyone about to buy one.

Size and weight are the most obvious attributes on which to base the first weeding out, but they are not the only ones. Price might be used, or processor type, or type of display or expansion capabilities.

Each hints at slightly different use. A buyer might be able to narrow the field considerably by defining to what use the machine will be put.

For general business use, there are two main classes of genuinely portable computer — sub-notebooks and notebooks. Dataquest, the market research company, defines the former as under 4lbs and the latter as American A4 in size and under about 8lbs in weight.

Olivetti was one of the first companies to produce a portable PC in the early 1980s. Alan Rogers, product manager of its portable PC ranges, offers his distinction between sub-notebooks and notebooks based on use: "The classic sub-notebook users are people who want a computer in case they need to use it: the full A4 notebook is for people who know they are going to use it."

Like Mr Rogers, Dataquest's consultant Jeffrey Goldberg believes weight is the key issue. But he questions the assumption that anyone would carry a sub-notebook computer on the off-chance of needing to use it. "The typical sub-notebook is 3.5lb to 4lbs. too heavy to carry around on a whim — and too expensive to have as a whim," he says. Most modern sub-notebooks cost between £1,000 and £1,500.

Portable computers are equipped with a great variety of processor types and these have implications for power consumption and therefore battery life. The termination SL, as in 486SL, generally indicates a power-efficient processor. NEC's new Versa E notebook, for example, claims five hours of use on batteries. But as Mr Goldberg says: "Our studies consistently show that very few people are interested in battery life. What they want is to duplicate their desktop machine on the road."

Large suppliers such as IBM, Compaq and Toshiba also report a high proportion of sales of notebook computers to serve as more adaptable replacements for desktop systems. Under these circumstances, the choice facing buyers becomes similar to that in the desktop market — it will be guided mainly by considerations of what expansion is likely in the future.

If a desktop PC running Microsoft Windows is what you are intending to replace, memory size is important. But main memory provision in portables can be misleading — the £1,400 Hewlett-Packard Omnibook 425, for example, has only two megabytes in its standard form but has four slots for cards from which programs are run.

To make portable PCs as capable as desktop systems some manufacturers supply "docking stations" for desktop use — the portable slides into the station and becomes connected to monitors, terminals and networks as required. Apple's Duo Dock system, for instance, adds about £600 to the price of a basic portable at £1,200.

Big suppliers tend to build as much as possible of the latest technology into their products, and this may cloud the issue in some cases. If the use is known and is unlikely to change, then something as simple as Amstrad's NC-200 Notebook at £300 might do the job as well as a PC-compatible system costing up to ten times as much.

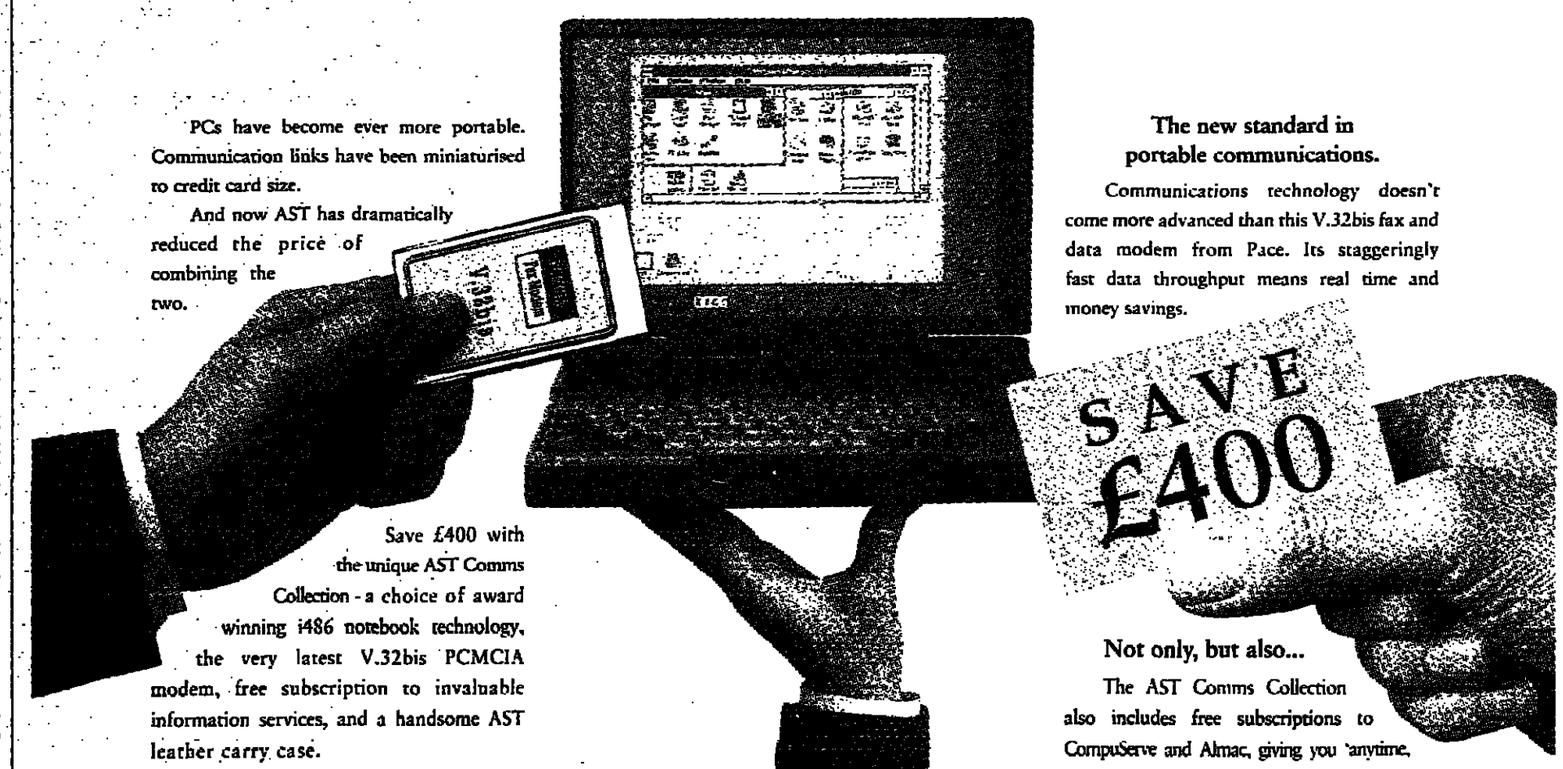
If Dataquest's view of the world is accurate, a number of other factors that might guide a potential buyer become less significant. The type of display is one: because manufacturers envisage their products being used in lighting conditions that might often be less than ideal, a great deal of development work has gone into screen technology.

Liquid crystal displays, backlit or sidelit, gas plasma and thin-film transistor (TFT) offer a rising scale of clarity in uncertain light. They also account for a good deal of the difference in price. The Acer Note 750c with a TFT colour screen costs £2,700 — the Note 730 with a very similar specification but monochrome LCD screen is less than £1,000.

Above notebooks and sub-notebooks, mains-powered portable computers weighing up to 20lbs are a category in decline. Below them, a new category is emerging — electronic notepads. These are too new to the market to say with any certainty whether they are likely to be used as computers.

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Luxembourg

Sex difference in pension actuarial factors no breach of EC directive

David Neath v Hugh Steeper Ltd
Case C-152/91

Before O. Due, President and Judges G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, M. Diez de Velasco, D. A. O. Edward, C. N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, F. Grévisse, M. Zuleg, P. J. G. Kapteyn and J. L. Murray

Advocate General W. Van Gerven
(Opinion April 28, 1993)
(Judgment December 22)

Inequality of employers' contributions to defined-benefit pension schemes which arose because of the use of actuarial factors differing according to sex, was not affected by the principle of equality in article 119 of the EEC Treaty.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to questions submitted to it by a Leeds Industrial Tribunal for a preliminary ruling pursuant to article 177 of the EEC Treaty.

Mr Neath had been employed by Hugh Steeper Ltd from January 29, 1973 to June 29, 1990, the date on which he was made redundant. At that time he was 54 years and 11 months old.

According to the rules of the pension scheme to which he belonged, male employees could not claim a full company pension until they were 65 years old, while female employees could receive a full pension at 60 years of age.

However, with the consent of the employer and the scheme trustees, any member might take early retirement at any time after his fiftieth birthday and receive a pension which was payable immediately but which was reduced according to the length of the period between the actual retirement date and the normal retirement date.

If the employer or the trustees refused their consent, as they did in Mr Neath's case, the member was entitled only to have his acquired pension rights transferred to another pension scheme, or to receive a deferred pension payable on *the normal retirement date, unless he* then opted to have part of that pension converted into a capital sum.

When making his choice, Mr Neath realised that if he opted to have his pension rights transferred, his financial situation would be more favourable if the interpretation of the judgment of the European Court in Case 262/88 *Barber v Guardian Royal Exchange* (*The Times* May 18, 1990; [1990] ECR 1-1889) were that any male employee retiring, like hiself, after May 17, 1990, the date of the *Barber* judgment, was entitled to have his pension re-calculated on the same basis as his female counterpart in relation to the entire period of his service. If the interpretation were such that entitlement might be claimed only in respect of periods of service subsequent to that date, he would be entitled to a smaller sum.

Mr Neath also noted that, on either interpretation, the transfer value would *in any case be lower than his female* colleagues would have received because of the use, in the assessment of the capital sum transferred, of actuarial factors based on life expectancy which *differed for men and women.*

Relying on the principle of equal pay for men and women, as laid down in article 119 and interpreted by the Court of Justice in the *Barber* judgement, Mr Neath then applied to the Leeds Industrial Tribunal seeking the same rights as women in the same situation.

In those circumstances, the tribunal decided to stay the proceedings and to refer three questions to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

The preliminary questions might be reduced to two issues: (a) the interpretation of the *Barber* judgment with respect ot the limitation of its effect in time and (b) the question whether the use of actuarial factors differing according to sex in the sphere of private occupational pension schemes was compatible with article 119 of the Treaty.

Effects in time of the *Barber* judgment

As the Court had stated in Case C-109/91 *Ten Oever v Stichting Bedrijfspensioenfonds voor het Glazenwassare-en Schoolmaakbedrijf* (*The Times* October 12, 1993), the precise context in which the *Barber* limitation was imposed was that of pensions provided for by private occupational schemes which were treated as pay within the meaning of article 119.

Given the reasons explained in the *Barber* judgment for limiting its effects in time, it had to be made clear that equality of treatment in the matter of occupational pensions might be claimed only in relation to benefits payable in respect of periods of employment subsequent to May 17, 1990 subject to the exception in favour of workers or those claiming under them who had, before that date, initiated legal proceedings or raised an equivalent claim under the applicable national law.

As regarded transfer benefits and lump-sum options with which the second question was concerned, since by virtue of the *Barber* judgment, article 119 could not be invoked to call in question the financial basis of pension rights accured before May 17, 1990 on the basis of different retirement ages, it followed, subject to the explanations below, that its capital equivalent was necessarily subject to the consequences of that temporary limitation.

Actuarial factors

It appeared that the occupational pension scheme of which Mr Neath was a member when he was made redundant was a defined-benefit/final-salary scheme which provided employees reaching retirement age with a defined pension corresponding to one-sixtieth of their final salary for each year of service.

The employer's contributions to the scheme were calculated in the aggregate and varied over time so as to cover the balance of the cost of the pensions promised. Those contributions were also higher for female employees than for male employees.

That variability and inequality were due to the use of actuarial factors in the mechanism for funding the scheme. The aim of an occupational retirement *pension scheme being to provide for the* future payment of periodic pensions, the scheme's financial resources, accrued through funding, had to be adjusted to the pensions which, according to forecasts, would have to be paid.

The assessments needed to give effect to that system were based on a number of objective factors, such as the return on the scheme's investments, the rate of increase in salaries and demographic assumptions, in particular those relating to the life expectancy of workers.

The fact that women lived on average longer than men was one of the actuarial factors taken into account in determining how the scheme in question was to be funded. That was why the employer had to pay higher contributions for his female employees than for his male employees.

In the case of the transfer of acquired rights and in the case where part of a pension was converted into capital, the fact that account was taken of the different actuarial factors as just described had the result that male employees are entitled to sums lower than those to which female employees were entitled.

Essentially, the industrial tribunal sought to know whether such differences were compatible with article 119 of the Treaty. In order to reply to that question, it had to be determined whether transfer benefits and lump-sum options constituted pay within the meaning of that article.

It was settled law that the concept of pay, within the meaning of the second paragraph of article 119 included any consideration, whether in cash or in kind, whether immediate or future, provided that the worker received it, albeit indirectly, in respect of his employment from his employer. The fact that certain benefits were paid after the end of the employment relationship did not prevent them from being pay within the meaning of article 119.

The assumption underlying that approach was that the employer had committed himself, albeit unilaterally, to pay his employees defined benefits or to grant them specific advantages and that the employees in turn expected the employer to pay them those benefits or provide them with those advantages.

Anything that was not a consequence of that commitment, and did not therefore come within the corresponding expectations of the employees, fell outside the concept of pay.

In the context of a defined-benefit occupational pension scheme, the employer's commitment to his employees concerned the payment, at a given moment in time, of a periodic pension for which the determining criteria were already known at the time when the commitment was made, and which constituted pay within the meaning of article 119.

However, that commitment did not necessarily have to do with the funding arrangements chosen to secure the periodic payment of the pension, which thus remained outside the scope of application of article 119.

In contributory schemes, funding was provided through the contributions made by the employees and those made by the employers. The contributions made by the employees were an element of their pay, since they were deducted directly from an employee's salary, which by definition was pay. The amount of those contributions must therefore be the same for all employees, male and female, which was indeed so in the present case.

That was not so in the case of the employer's contributions which ensured the adequacy of the funds necessary to cover the cost of the pensions promised, so securing their payment in the future, that being the substance of the employer's commitment.

It followed that, unlike periodic payment of pensions, inequality of employers' contributions paid under funded defined-benefit schemes, which was due to the use of actuarial factors differing according to sex, was not struck at by article 119.

That conclusion necessarily extended to the specific aspects referred to in the questions submitted, namely the conversion of part of the periodic pension into a capital sum and the transfer of pension rights, the value of which could be determined only by reference to the *funding arrangements* chosen.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

1 By virtue of the judgment in Case C-262/99 *Barber v Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group*, the direct effect of article 119 of the EEC Treaty might be relied on in order to claim equal treatment in the matter of occupational pensions only in relation to benefits payable in respect of periods of service subsequent to May 17, 1990, subject to the exception in favour of workers or those claiming under them who had, before that date, initiated legal proceedings or raised an equivalent claim under the applicable national law. The value of transfer benefits and lump-sum options was affected likewise.

2 The use of actuarial factors differing according to sex in funded defined-benefit occupational pension schemes did not fall within the scope of article 119 of the EEC Treaty.

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Queen's Bench Division

Freeholder has to show refusal unreasonable

Estates Governors of Alleyn's College v Williams
Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor
[Judgment January 14]

On an appeal by a freeholder to an arbitrator against the refusal, by the managers of a scheme approved by the court under section 19 of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967, of consent to a proposed development, such consent being subject to a proviso that it "shall not be unreasonably withheld", it was for the freeholder to show that the refusal was one at which no body of managers, acting reasonably, could have arrived.

Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division, in remitting for reconsideration a final award, dated August 23, 1993, by Mr C. R. Martin, an arbitrator appointed pursuant to clause 17 of a scheme under the 1967 Act, whereby he concluded that the estates governors of Alleyn's College of God's Gift at Dulwich had acted unreasonably in refusing consent to a proposal by Mr and Mrs C. J. N. Williams to build on their land at 33a Alleyns Park a two-car, detached, garage.

Mr Terence Etherton, QC and Mr Timothy C. Dutton for the managers; Mr John McDonnell, QC, for the freeholders.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the scheme approved by Mr Justice Walton in 1974 had conferred on the managers wide powers over the whole Dulwich Estate of about 1,500 acres, comprising some 4,500 private dwellings, of which about 3,000 had been enfranchised.

By clause 3(a) of the scheme "no new or additional building or structure" could be erected so as to be visible at ground level beyond the boundaries of any enfranchised land without prior written approval of the managers; and under clause 15 any requirement for approval was subject to the proviso that consent should "not be unreasonably withheld".

Such a provision set bounds to what the managers might do. They could not act or withhold consent arbitrarily; they might act or refuse if reasonable managers might do so but not otherwise. Thus the scheme struck a fair balance between the freedom of the individual and the common benefit of all in maintaining the amenities of the estate. Similar provisions were a commonplace in leases: see section 19 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1927.

In *Shanly v Ward* ((1913) 29 TLR 714) a tenant challenged his landlord's refusal of consent to an assignment and Sir Herbert Cozens-Hardy, Master of the Rolls, said: "It was not enough to show that other lessors might have accepted the proposed assignees; the lessors were not to be held to have withheld their licence unreasonably if they acted as a reasonable man might have done in the circumstances."

To the same effect had been remarks by Lord Justice Danckwerts in *Pimms Ltd v Tallow Chandlers Company* ([1964] 2 QB 547, 564). Mr McDonnell had submitted that a gloss on that view had been placed by the proposition stated by Lord Justice Balcombe in *International Drilling Ltd v Louisville Investments* ([1986] Ch 513, 521) that it was in each case a question of fact, depending on all the circumstances, whether the landlord's consent was being unreasonably withheld.

His Lordship did not agree: that proposition had been made expressly subject to previous propositions (at p520) that the onus of proving that consent had been unreasonably withheld was on the tenant and that refusal would be upheld if based on conclusions which might be reached by a reasonable man.

In short, if a householder and the managers found themselves at loggerheads, the issue was not at large. An arbitrator or a judge would not stand in the managers' shoes for all purposes but only for the narrow purpose of seeing whether, acting reasonably, their decision was one they could not have reached.

Mr McDonnell had urged that that had, in fact, been the approach adopted by the arbitrator but he had in the end rejected the managers' decision as an unreasonable one on the express ground that their interpretation put upon the matter was too exacting and from his experience and the submissions he had considered he concluded that the decision was an unreasonable one.

In those circumstances, the arbitrator did not appear to have applied a correct approach.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Compton Carr.

Duty on close company to report liability

Joint (Inspector of Taxes) v Bracken Developments Ltd
Before Mr Justice Vinelott
[Judgment January 17]

A statutory obligation was imposed on a close company to notify the Revenue of its liability to tax in connection with loans made by it to participators. Neglect to do so resulted in interest being charged *on an assessment made to make* good the loss of tax attributable to that neglect.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination by New Forest West general commissioners that had reduced to nil two assessments to tax carrying interest under section 88 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 made on the taxpayer company, Bracken Developments Ltd, for accounting periods to October 1987 and 1988.

Section 419 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (formerly section 286 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970) *imposes a charge on a close* company of "an amount equal to such proportion of the amount of the loan [to a participator] as corresponds to the rate of advance corporation tax in force..."

Section 10 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 imposes an obligation on a company to give notice of its liability to pay corporation tax.

Section 88 of that Act provides for interest to be charged in respect of tax recovered to make good any loss attributable to, *inter alia*, a taxpayer's neglect.

Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown; Mr Jonathan Peacock for the taxpayer company.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the appeal raised a short but important question as to the liability of a taxpayer who was a participator in a close company to pay interest on tax payable in respect of loans made to him by the company.

The commissioners, *determining the case before Earlspring Properties Ltd v Guest* ([1993] STC 473) had been decided, held that the there had been no failure by the taxpayer company to notify the *Revenue as section 10 of the 1970* Act imposed no obligation to give notice of chargeability to tax under section 419 of the 1988 Act in respect of loans to participators.

Alternatively, the commissioners, having been referred to *R v IRC, Ex parte Woolwich Equitable Building Society* ([1989] STC 463), determined that there could be no liability for interest because the charge created by section 419 was not a charge to tax within the meaning of section 88 of the Taxes Management Act 1970.

The commissioners had erred. Section 109 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 had the effect of making section 10 of that Act apply *to section 419. Further, there was* no possible justification for the commissioners' conclusion that the charge created by section 419 was not a charge to tax for the purposes of section 88.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Morris Scott & Co, Christchurch.

Capacity distinguished from sufficient interest

Regina v Darlington Borough Council, Ex parte Association of Darlington Taxi Owners and Another
Before Mr Justice Auld
[Judgment January 12]

Capacity to apply for judicial review preceded and was distinct from the issue of *locus standi* and was a question for dispositive decision at the leave or setting aside leave stage.

Mr Justice Auld so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in finding that an unincorporated association did not have the capacity to apply for judicial review.

His Lordship set aside leave granted by Mr Justice Schiemann on an *ex parte* application by the Association of Darlington Taxi Owners and the Darlington *Owner Drivers Association* to apply for judicial review of decisions of Darlington Borough Council, *inter alia*, to limit its concessionary fares scheme to wheelchair accessible vehicles and to remove any limit on the number of hackney carriages licensed to operate within its area.

Mr Charles Béar for the associations; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Neil Calver for the council.

MR JUSTICE AULD said that the council applied for the leave to challenge its decisions to be set aside on the ground that the associations were not legal persons and thus that the proceedings were not properly constituted.

Both associations were unincorporated. Mr Beloff submitted that, therefore, they could not apply for judicial review.

Mr Béar maintained that capacity was a private law concept and that the true question in proceedings for judicial review was whether the applicant had *locus standi* or a sufficient interest in the matter to which the application related as required by Order 53, rule 3(7) of the Rules of the Supreme Court. That question, he submitted, was not appropriate for decision at the leave stage.

His Lordship said that the general rule was that, subject to certain well recognised exceptions of which this was not one, unincorporated associations could not sue or be sued in their own name. The researches of counsel had not identified any cases in which the court had held that an unincorporated association was capable of applying for judicial review.

The question of capacity was one for dispositive decision at the leave or setting aside leave stage, not one on which the court should merely consider whether it was sufficiently arguable to grant or not to disturb the grant of leave, as the case might be. It preceded and was quite distinct from the issue of *locus standi* or sufficient interest.

It was not therefore affected by the guidance in *R v IRC, Ex parte National Federation of Self-Employed and Small Businesses Ltd* ([1982] AC 617) that, save in the simplest cases, that threshold question should be reserved to the substantive hearing where it could be considered in the legal and factual context of the issues raised *by the application.*

Sufficiency of interest might well depend upon the factual and legal context of the case. Capacity did not. In law, subject to certain exceptions, none of which applied here, an unincorporated association was not a person capable of instituting proceedings whatever the factual context and legal issues.

Capacity, like *locus*, was a jurisdictional matter but capacity was a matter of substantive law; *locus* was a procedural rule introduced in its present form by Order 53, rule 3(7). Capacity was not affected by the qualification of sufficiency of interest set out in that rule for which the term "*locus*" was merely shorthand: see *National Federation of Self-Employed* (at p647). Capacity was not just a private law or contractual concept.

The question whether an initiator of proceedings was a person recognised by the law was likely to be of considerable importance on, for example, the matter of costs or, as here, the requirement of a cross-undertaking as to damages.

The remote prospect of the court in the proper exercise of its discretion looking to individual members of an unincorporated association to pay costs in the event of failure of the association's litigation, or the possibility in some cases of seeking security in advance from those members, could not sensibly be an argument for ignoring the association's legal incapacity to institute proceedings.

Solicitors: Freeman Johnson, Darlington; Mr Peter Kearsley, Darlington.

No privilege against justifiable attack

Fraser-Armstrong v Hadow and Others
Before Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Simon Brown
[Judgment November 26]

A defendant in a libel action could not rely on the defence of qualified privilege to protect himself against a justifiable attack by the plaintiff on his character or conduct.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, James Fraser-Armstrong, from the order of Mr Justice Popplewell striking out parts of the plaintiff's pleadings in his libel action against the defendants, Rupert Hadow, Lisa Nelson trading as PR Unlimited, and Haymarket Publications Ltd, publishers of a magazine called *PR Week*.

The plaintiff alleged that he had been libelled in three ways. First, the second defendant wrote to a journalist with *PR Week* saying that he had been dismissed because he was incompetent, had subsequently waged a wide ranging personal vendetta against PR Unlimited and had harassed and made personal threats against its staff.

Second, it was alleged that there was a further libel in the issue of the magazine on December 12, 1991 to the same effect, and that *furthermore, that article had* quoted some words of the first defendant which were also libellous.

The defendants pleaded, *inter alia*, qualified privilege in defence stating that the plaintiff had been commenting to the journalist about staff problems in PR Unlimited and had been putting those stories about.

There were replies to the defence served and an application to strike out part of the replies. The judge struck out some parts of the replies.

Mr Stephen Suttle for the plaintiff; Mr James Price for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that Mr Price submitted that the judge was right to delete some passages and that the defendants were defending themselves from attacks made by the plaintiff. He submitted that it was not an improper motive to defend yourself and relied on *Horrocks v Lowe* ([1975] AC 135, 149) *per* Lord Diplock.

In his Lordship's judgment, it would not be an improper motive to seek to defend oneself if the attacks that were being made by the plaintiff were untrue. It would be perfectly proper to do that: see *Gatley on Libel and Slander* (8th edition (1981) paragraph 514). It did not seem to his Lordship to be a proper motive to seek to defend oneself if the attacks made by the *plaintiff were true.*

In those circumstances, it was not a proper motive for publishing defamatory material about the plaintiff. It seemed to his Lordship that the plaintiff was entitled to make the allegations that he did; that staff morale was in a bad way at PR Unlimited; and to go a good deal further than was already in the pleadings of the defendants.

If it was the motive of the defendants in publishing to distract attention from their problems, then there had not been an *occasion of qualified privilege* because it would have been actuated by malice.

Accordingly, his Lordship would restore those passages in the pleadings to which the appeal related.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN, agreeing, could not accept that anyone enjoyed a privilege to protect himself against a justifiable attack upon his own character or conduct.

If, therefore, the plaintiff could show that he was defamed by the defendants for the purpose of undermining what they knew to be his perfectly valid criticism of the first and second defendants' business, that would seem to his Lordship to destroy any question of privilege.

It would either demonstrate that no such privilege properly arose in the first place or it would defeat the defence by a successful reply of malice, it mattered not which.

Solicitors: Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners; Farrar & Co.

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DAVID LLEWELLYN MORGAN of Touche Ross & Co of P O Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS will provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Creditors requiring this information should contact in the first instance Neil Maltner on 071 936 3000 Extn 4188
Dated: 18 January 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CAROUSEL LEISURE (LONDON) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London EC2M 7QN on 31st January 1994 at 12.30 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that James Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated the 18th January 1994
By order of the Board
A. Hunt, Director.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF Cadcoyle Motors Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 72 London Road, St Albans Herts on 26 January 1994 at 10.30 am for the purpose mentioned in Sections 99-101 of the said Act.
Notice is further given that Mr S L Smith FCA MSPI of Messrs Morrer & Hole of 72 London Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1NS is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company and during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that for the purpose of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the Company before the meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Dated this 14 January 1994
By Order of the Board
of Directors
D Thomas, Director.

IN THE MATTER OF CHESHUNT OFFICE CLEANING SERVICES LTD. AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 14th January 1994, I Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 14th January 1994
M J Carter

Re SALU LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Monday the 7th February 1994, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm as from Thursday 3rd February 1994
Dated this 14th day of January 1994
LOUIS WOOLF FINE, Director

NO 0010860 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BITUMINOUS ROAD FACILITIES LIMITED
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 16th December, 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £1,200,000 to £200,000 by returning capital which was lost or is unrepresented by available assets of the Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 2nd day of February 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 18th day of January, 1994
DUTTON GREGORY & WILLIAMS Tynsell House, 23, St Peter Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8BT.
Ref: PL/BH/FJC
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE MATTER OF JOHN HUCKLESBY LTD. AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 14th January 1994, I Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 14th January 1994
M J Carter

IN THE MATTER OF ABBEY CORPORATE TOTAL SERVICES LTD. AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S. 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 14 January 1994, I Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company
Dated this 14th January 1994
M J Carter

Re: TRIPLETHREE LEISURE LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Tuesday the 1 February 1994, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
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Dated this 17th day of January 1994.
Peter Anthony Earl, Director.

SPERLING LIMITED
Registered Number: 2458899
Trading name: Sperling Limited.
Nature of business: Manufacturers of Shootings and Accessories. Trade classification: 5.
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 13 January 1994.
Names of persons appointing the administrative receivers: (i) Close Invoice Finance Limited (formerly Century Limited) (ii) D Berry and G R M Thomas Joint Administrative Receivers: N Hamilton-Smith and M W Young (office holder nos: 2093 and 8077) of Morton Thornton & Co, Tersteton House 47, Holywell Hill, St Albans Herts AL1 1HD.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
CAMPBELL WATSON WALKER PARTNERSHIP
High Court of Justice
No. 0010700 of 1992
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Brian Lawrence Lasky FCA of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London, NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of Campbell Watson Walker Partnership on 11 February 1993.
Dated this 13th day of January 1994
Brian L. Lasky, Liquidator

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NINE THREE TWO ZERO SIX TWO LIMITED Formerly Aero Precision and General Engineering (Carlisle) Limited
ONE TWO THREE EIGHT SIX THREE FOUR LIMITED Formerly Furnmaste Dawson Limited
NINE SIX ZERO ZERO NINE ONE LIMITED Formerly Furnmaste Engineering Limited
TWO ONE ZERO FOUR TWO FIVE FOUR LIMITED Formerly Furnmaste Shaw Limited
ONE ZERO EIGHT ZERO FIVE TWO FOUR LIMITED Formerly Ron Philpott Limited
ONE ZERO SIX EIGHT ONE TWO TWO LIMITED Formerly Silk Engineering (Derby) Limited
ALL IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
On 10 December 1993, the above companies were placed in Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Ian Anthony Greenbury and Anthony John Patrick Brereton of Price Waterhouse were appointed Joint Liquidators by the shareholders.
The Joint Liquidators give notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details in writing of any claim against the companies to the Joint Liquidators at Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester, M2 4WS by 11 February 1994, which is the last day for proving claims. The Joint Liquidators also give notice that they will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full.
7 January 1994
I C Powell, Joint Liquidator

JAMBA HOLDINGS LIMITED (IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company number: 1606926
NOTICE OF THE DIRECTORS OF JAMBA HOLDINGS LIMITED
On 21 December 1993 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Clifford Powell and Anthony John Patrick Brereton of Price Waterhouse were appointed joint liquidators by the shareholders.
The liquidators give notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidators, at York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS by 14 February 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidators also give notice that they will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date 7 January 1994
I C Powell, Joint Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF MUSTERSWAP LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 14 January 1994, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 14th January 1994
M J Carter

IN THE MATTER OF DATABARN LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and held on 14 January 1994, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company
Dated this 14th January 1994
M J Carter

UNICORN PRESS LIMITED (In Administrative Receivership) Principal Trading Address: 51 Marshgate Lane, Stratford, London E15 2NG
Company Number: 02027497
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Dated 18 January 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICES

PIOTROWSKA formerly ORLOWSKA late LUBICZ nee KRZYZAK BRONISLAWA PIOTROWSKA formerly ORLOWSKA late LUBICZ nee KRZYZAK WIDOW Late of 46B Courtfield Gardens, London SW5 who Died at Charing Cross Hospital Fulham on 6th August 1993
Gross Estate about £45000
The list of the above-named are required to apply to Barclays Bank Trust Company Limited, New Enterprise House, 149/151 High Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex, RM6 6PJ - reference NJW/24/22886 before 23rd March 1994.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND
The Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of England gives notice that with effect from 31st January 1994 the House of the Society will be transferred from 35 Belgrave Square, London SW1 to the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

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THEATRE: A political premiere at the RSC; circus capers from Ra-Ra Zoo; and noisy fun at Sadler's Wells

Right target, wrong writer

Benedict Nightingale reviews a flawed new play about the British aristocrats who toasted the rise of Hitler

Michael Hastings has had a long and far from undistinguished career as a dramatist, starting with *Yes and After* back in 1957 and stretching through the jolly *Gloo Joo* to his study of T.S. Eliot's conjugal woes, *Tom and Viv*. But something odd happens to his creative juices when he works for the Royal Shakespeare Company. Give him one sniff of the Barbican, and he begins to write as if he had injected himself with liquid concrete. Hastings figuratively dwindles into Rottingdean, Winchelsea, or one of those gruesome caravan parks on the East Sussex coast.

A Dream of People, staged at the Pit in 1990, was a fumbling attack, part satirical and part earnest, on our social security system. But the play was all control and clarity beside the clumsy anti-Fascist saga Hastings is now offering us. The publicity for *Dream of People*, as I recall, revealed that it was based on "two years' research in the corridors of the DSS offices at the Elephant and Castle". I don't know the corridor to which his research for *Unfinished Business* took him, but I suspect it was in a part of the Hastings cranium where paranoia and class prejudice combined with a superficial reading of history to create clutter and confusion.

Remains of the Day has recently reminded us of what we should have known already: that, yes, there were British nobs, not all of them called Mosley or Mitford, who wanted a comfy deal with Hitler. Indeed, Noel Coward made the same point in a play called *Peace In Our Time* nearly 50 years ago, though the England he presented had been conquered by the Nazis, and the elite to which his collaborators belonged was more intellectual than social. The subject remains a troubling, puzzling one, well worth further exploration.

But how to explore it? David Edgar provided an excellent model in his *Destiny*, which looked at nationalism in the 1970s. Throughout the play he sought to enter the minds of his resurgent Fascists and understand what had shaped them and how they worked. But that is not Hastings's way. He seems to feel little but disbelieving scorn for the rightists gathered in Lord

Unfinished Business
Barbican Pit

Sheffield's country mansion in readiness for German victory in the Battle of Britain — and why not, when he has taken such pains to ensure they are silly and unbelievable?

One house-guest is a gun-toting bishop (Ian Taylor) who calls himself "the Keeper of the Airy" and seems to want to reorganise Britain along Saxon lines. Another is a large lady in a uniform (Stephanie Jacob) who believes the unemployed will enthusiastically support her when she hangs Churchill and creates mini-police states. Lord Sheffield (silky Philip Voss) is exercised by the Communist menace, while his wife (Gemma Jones, blithely trilling when she isn't narcissistically tinkling) seems preoccupied with growing flowers and preserving the antiquity of the countryside, endeavours she assumes the Nazis will support.

There is a certain frisson in seeing our own people toast "the brave men of the Luftwaffe" and pray that British defeat will come before they are arrested and shot. But explanation, analysis and sheer human reality are what are needed. They continue to elude Hastings and his director, Steven Pimlott, when they turn to the main character, Sheffield's son Beamish (mad-eyed Toby Stephens), a callow muddle of anti-Semitism and nostalgia for a pastoral utopia.

Beamish is also busy impregnating the maid (Monica Dolan) and would perhaps marry her were she of nobler rank. Their relationship is no more plausible than anything else, but is, I supppose, meant to suggest that talk of liberating the working classes through national socialism is sham. Some such idea may also explain Sheffield's hiring a stranger (Jasper Britton) as a butler and including him in his political councils while simultaneously accusing him of being an informer. The poor chap promptly goes barmy, thereby re-emphasising the callousness of these aristocratic Hitlerites.

Beamish also appears as an old man (Geoffrey Bayldon), unaware that he is being tended by his own illegitimate daughter, but cheerfully aware of the re-emergence of nationalism in Europe. When he looks forward to a Third World War which Fascism will win, we are presumably meant to wince in recognition and dismay. But how can we do so when he is no more than a doddering eccentric whose life from 1940 to 1994 has passed unseen and mostly unreported? The would-be ominous title, *Unfinished Business*, is more ironic than Hastings realises. The play is an opportunity squandered.



An odd business at the Royal Shakespeare Company: Toby Stephens as Beamish, Monica Dolan as Feebs, Philip Voss as Lord Sheffield and Jasper Britton as Douglas in Michael Hastings's new play, as drawn by Bill Hewison

Striking spectacle beats the lot

Stomp
Sadler's Wells

THEY crash, they smash, they beat, they bash. They rattle, ripple, twiddle, jiggle, knock. Oil drums, saucepans, hubcaps, jerry cans, tea chests, broom sticks, road signs, sinks — the Yes/No People strike sounds from all of these and more. They squeak rubber gloves over drainers, flap carrier bags, slap the stage with plastic tubes and, in the dark, flick open cigarette lighters in a rhythmic pattern of pizzicato clicks.

What they got is rhythm, and their 90-minute show demonstrates and celebrates the joys of making a noise. It is a noise that only once becomes a melody, when they slap the eight plastic tubes, each a different length and width, and so sounding a different note when whacked. There is harmony, when different drums are hit simultaneously, but chiefly *Stomp* delights in beating out that rhythm on just about anything bearable — even one another's backs.

Luke Cresswell is the lead performer, and co-founder with director Steve McNicholas of the busking band Pookiesnackenburger. In the dozen years since then the band, later to become the Yes/No People, toured the world, won prizes for TV commercials, and performed for numerous films, including Bette Midler's superbly titled *Mondo Beyondo*.

Six men and two girls form the present line-up, and the evening begins when one of them walks on to the stage with a broom and starts sweeping. A rhythm of knocks and scrapes steals into being, the rest of the band stroll on to join him, and in next to no time eight rapid and individual patterns of sound are doing their own thing but always stopping and starting again together.

Even though the players may seem to be fugue-ing away in all directions, the helter-skeltering, syncopated beat firmly keeps control, so that the sudden conclusions are like jokes, where we can gasp at the cleverness of the planning. Cresswell leads the audience in some nifty rhythmic clapping, until our unpractised wrists just cannot take the speed.

Genial rivalry and po-faced byplay help to turn the players into individuals, and their good humour is infectious. What they are doing is at the same time impressively powerful and joyfully bizarre. What could be more comical than four men rattling matchboxes? Or dancing the equivalent of a soft-shoe shuffle, except that the shoes are oil drums nailed to the soles of their boots? Yet both these items, dozens of decibels apart on the aural spectrum, enchant the ear and eye. And at one point, when the drums were very loud, I swear I could hear them talking — real words, just the way those crazy explorers say they do.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Stomp: in their 90-minute show, the Yes/No People demonstrate and celebrate the joys of making a noise

Clowns without attitude

Cabinet of Curiosities
BAC, Battersea

THE theatrical fiction isn't fooling anyone. *Cabinet of Curiosities* is clearly Ra-Ra Zoo's variety show of circus skills and comic vignettes, framed cursorily in the storyline of an ancient vaudevillist revisiting a long-abandoned venue and remembering the routines of yesteryear: juggling, acrobatics and trapeze acts.

But, to heck with it, the narrative set-up is throwaway. The patently sprightly Chris Cresswell hardly embodies creaky old Sir Hugh. Swiftly snipping the metaphorical elastic above any suspenders of disbelief in the audience, Cresswell brings us smartly down to earth by flamboyantly stepping through the false wall (playing tug-of-war with the front row) and shamelessly laying bare the backstage practicalities ("that's given enough time for Nigel to get there").

Ra-Ra Zoo sets out not just to blow the dust off vintage entertainment but to inject it with young blood. The female trapeze artist Lindsey Butcher is a skinhead and there is a touch of Reeves and Mortimerish junky anarchy about Cresswell's supposed link passages — improvising with random props or listing items beginning with T.

The company is zanily inventive and bizarrely accomplished. Butcher and Jeremy Robins, combining pure muscle with flabbergastingly fine balance, could be a couple of Olympic gymnasts who ran away to the Big Top. They dance a sea shanty upside down doing headstands on the backs of chairs, and wander about on their hands in such gravity-defying contortions it is positively freakish.

Meanwhile Cresswell, besides being sparklingly silly in his off-the-cuff witterings, balances peacock feathers on his nose, whacks crazy rhythms out of an invisible drumkit in synch with a soundtrack, and daintily pours tea with a cup and saucer surreally perched on his top-knot. Nigel Warrack, choreographer, aerialist and live musician, brings Egyptian eeriness to the penny whistle and delivers a sax solo hanging from his heels. His thespian skills are, however, scant.

The welly-boot dance drags its feet. The reference to its origins as a South African political protest only alerts you to the vacuousness of Ra-Ra Zoo's pirated version. Other choreographic pieces, with their roots in tumbling but stretching towards modern dance, want the latter's meaningfulness. Still, Ra-Ra Zoo, like the London Mime Festival as a whole, valuably narrows the gulf between popular and esoteric art. Idiosyncratically eclectic, *Cabinet of Curiosities* is able to embrace the absurdity of a man-hugging armchair and expand to the cosmic mysteriousness of softly whooshing firebrands spinning in the dark.

KATE BASSETT

DANCE: **John Percival** reviews a selection of work in the 'Resolution' season at The Place

Step by step progress on a trail of discovery

During three successive evenings I saw nine unestablished choreographers trying their hand in the Resolution season at The Place.

Unexpectedly, it was not the ones invited from Germany, France and Belgium, under a collaborative venture called *Bancs d'Essai Internationaux*, who left the strongest impression. Not that I shall soon forget the patience with which **Tatjana Orlob** moved slowly whilst smearing blue dye all over her bare arms and chest; nor the bizarre sight of **Ria de Corte**, until then apparently a solemnly acrobatic stenographer, suddenly turning flighty and flirtatious after putting on a larger pair of boots (with red flowers growing out of them) over the ones she was already wearing.

On the other hand, I hope I shall soon put out of mind the lunatic hilarity of **Régis Huvier** and his four colleagues, chatting, shouting, singing and camping their way through what claimed to be "a French farce with a hard core", but proved neither farcical nor hard enough to be tolerable. **Riki von Falken** had more serious merits, with her squeaky clean appearance, apparel, movement and manner, but the actual invention in her solo *Ohnella* was pleasing rather than gripping.

So it's back to the home team: youngsters presenting their own work at their own risk. Nicky Gibbs and Zoë Elvin, collaborating under the name **Eidotrope**, resourcefully showed two contrasted examples of their joint choreography. In *Desert Drifting* they achieved a trance-like effect to a soundtrack of Senegalese singing. *Schism*, to rock music plus some atmospheric sound, explored a theme of divided personae through subtle differences in the shape, tempo or sequence of similar movements by the two identically dressed dancers.

Rebecca Skelton of *Systems 3* scores well for the thoughtfully shaped construction of her solo. *Wall Dancing*, as well as the way it linked with the work of her collaborators, Richard Coldman (film maker and director) and Andrew Deakin (composer), for a strong combination of images.

On stage, the young woman stood, turned, travelled, twisted, hesitated in an empty space. On screen behind her, the same movements appeared in heightened form, thanks to close-ups and ingenious camera angles, against a background of stony architecture or a bleak clifftop.

Arlette George describes *The Gambler* as "a study" and it looks as if it might be part of a longer work in progress. She and Fiona Millward dance separately but relatedly on a stage only fitfully lit by low hanging bulbs. One wears a big top coat over their otherwise similar period dresses. Scottish elements in the potpourri score are taken up in the choreography for the top coated woman, who seems obsessed by the thought of the other.

Those participants who took their music most seriously seem to have got most from it. Some included words but to scant, or even self-defeating effect. And the finished works often bear no clear relationship to the stated sources of inspiration.

The season continues.

JOHN PERCIVAL

ARTS BRIEFING

Voice of musical protest

FORTY-THREE luminaries from the world of music — led by the composer Priti Paintal, who resigned from the Arts Council music panel last month — have launched a lobby-group called Main Music Agenda. It aims to represent the areas that it believes the Arts Council is penalising by concentrating funds on traditional classical organisations. Its founder members are mostly drawn from community and ethnic music, jazz and folk.

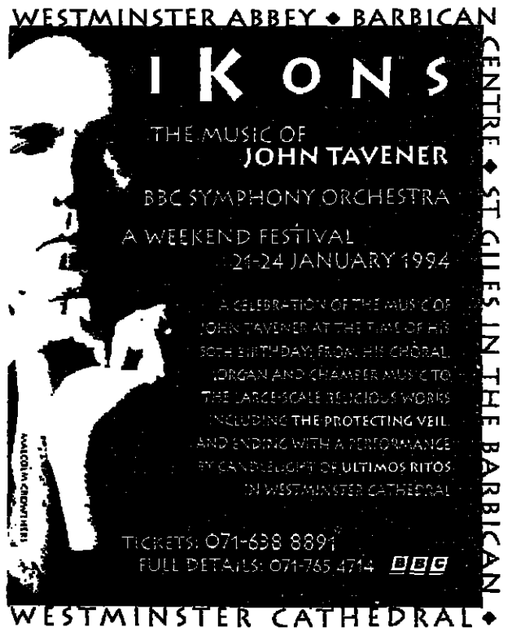
"From current debates we might conclude that nothing much is going on except for symphony orchestras and London opera companies," asserts the group's inaugural statement. Main Music Agenda will "show the world that the real 'heartlands' of musical activity are not just a handful of large, powerful companies but the whole gamut of musicians and their audiences." The group will hold an open meeting at the Festival Hall (Chelsfield Room) on February 3 at 2pm.

● THE piano on which Sir Edward Elgar composed some of his greatest works goes on exhibition at the British Library from next Wednesday. Elgar acquired the 1844 Broadwood square piano from his father's piano shop in 1898, and retained it until 1903. During that time he composed the *Enigma Variations*, *The Dream of Gerontius*, *Cockaigne*, *Caractacus* and the *Pomp and Circumstance March* No 1. Sketches of these works will be displayed with the piano. The exhibition runs until Easter.

Waltzing Matilda

NOBODY can accuse the Perth City Ballet of not waving the Australian flag when it tours Britain in April. No fewer than three of its works have Aussie themes. There is a danced version of *Picnic at Hanging Rock*: the story of the three girls who mysteriously disappeared on St Valentine's Day, 1901, which was memorably filmed in 1975. Then comes a ballet about those three obsessions of the macho *Australian male — sun, surf* and sand — called *On the Beach*. And finally there is an Aboriginal work called *Gungka*. For devotees of Antipodean culture the only disappointment is that the company has neglected to offer a choreographed version of *Neighbours*.

● AND talking of sun, surf and sand... the Tate Gallery's outpost on the coast at St Ives in Cornwall has announced that it has logged an impressive 137,224 admissions since opening its doors last June. The Tate St Ives is, of course, possibly the only art gallery in the world with special storage space for visitors to leave their surfboards. It is not known how many of the 137,224 took advantage of this service.



LONDON

GOTHIC VOICES: An interesting programme of French and English music (circa 1220-1400) from one of the leading medieval ensembles, including exotic and experimental pieces by little-known masters.
Blackheath Concert Halls, Lee Road, SE3 (081-463 0100). Sunday, 3pm.

HOLBEIN AND THE COURT OF HENRY VIII: As this small but spectacular show demonstrates, Holbein was one of the finest draughtsmen ever with extraordinary penetration of human character. The people, well or little known, who gathered around Henry VIII and set for Holbein during his time at court sprang instantly to vivid, idiosyncratic life in these drawings and miniatures from the Royal Library, Windsor.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, midday-6pm. Opens today, until Apr 17.

IKONS: The fiftieth birthday of the composer John Tavener is celebrated in a weekend of performances of his powerfully spiritual and ritualistic music. Today, Martin Neary conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra in *Akathist of Thanksgiving*. A work reminiscent of Orthodox music, it has slow, repetitive rhythms and chanting, at once utterly

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

enchanting and hypnotic. The mini-festival includes day and evening programmes at the Barbican and draws to an impressive close with a candlelit concert in Westminster Cathedral (Victoria Street, SW1) on Monday at 7.30pm.
Westminster Abbey, Tonight, 7.30pm. Bookings from Barbican box office (071-638-8891) until 4pm, the Abbey office opens at 6.45pm.

ELSEWHERE

HARROGATE: Andrew Manley directs a sparsely furnished, even minimalist, **Private Lives**, with Damian Myerscough and Susannah Eliott. **Harrogate**, Oxford Street (0423-502116). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat from Jan 29, 2.30pm. Until Feb 12.

NOTTINGHAM: The enterprising company of disabled and able-bodied dancers known as **Candoco Dance Company** has collaborated with Siobhan Dawes, one of Britain's leading choreographers, on a new programme that receives its world premiere tonight.
Playhouse Theatre, Wellington Circus, (0602 419419).

LEEDS: Henri Rousseau's *Tiger in a Tropical Storm*, one of the masterpieces of modern painting, goes on show from tomorrow. To celebrate, there will be a "funday" of artistic adventures: music workshops, animal sculptures, mask-making, face painting and storytelling.
City Art Gallery, The Headrow (0532 640975). Tomorrow, 10am-4pm; events from 11am to 3.30pm. Until March 5.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) . . **British Museum**: Deities and Devotions: Hindu artDemon of Painting: Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) . . . **Festival Hall**: Bruce Chatwin's Photographs, to Jan 23 (071-928 3002) **National Portrait Gallery**: The Portrait Now: Thomas Eakins, to Jan 23 (071-306 0055) . . **National Gallery**: David's portrait of the Vicomtesse Vilain XIIII and Her Daughter (071-839 3321) . . . **Royal Academy of Arts**: Art of the Ancient World, The Unknown Modiglians (071-439 7438) . . **Royal College of Art**: John Minton (071-5845020) . . . **Tate**, Writing on the Wall: women artistsTurner's Vignettes, to Jan 23 (071-887 8008)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. ◪

◪ **PIAF**: Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvelous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm.

□ **RELATIVE VALUES**: Susan Hampshire, Alison Fiske and Sarah Brightman head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. ◪

◪ **SEPTEMBER TIDE**: Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion returns,starring Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law (Michael Praed).
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm.

□ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER**: Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes and David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. ◪

□ **THE SKRIKER**: Caryl Churchill's latest: an ancient shape-shifter (Kathryn Hunter) bursts out of the Underworld and pursues two young girls. Strange, strong stuff.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Jan 27, 7 pm. Then in repertoire. ◪

◪ **THE THREE MUSKETEERS**: (UMF) From the folks who brought *Thunderbirds F.A.B.* to the West End: three actors play a cast of hundreds in a further return of this much-loved spoof.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 8pm. ◪ Until Feb 19.

◪ **WILDEST DREAMS**: Ayckbourn's mixed hilarious despair with grim laughter as fantasy-game addicts come to grief.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Tue, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. ◪

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . . ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◪ **Cats**, New London (071-405 0072) . . . ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ■ **Grease**, Dominion (071-580 9845) . . ◪ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge (071-494 5040) . . . ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) . . ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express**, Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) . . □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . □ **The Woman In Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

BHAJI ON THE BEACH (15): Laboured, well-meaning ethnic comedy about Asian women on a day trip to Blackpool. Director, Gurinder Chadha.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

CALENDAR: Stimulating puzzle picture from Atom Egoyan, cast as a photographer taking photos in Armenia.
ICA (071-930 3647)

HEAVEN AND EARTH (15): A Vietnam peasant girl's war experiences, clumsily translated by Oliver Stone. With Hiep Thi Le and Tommy Lee Jones.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

THE HOUR OF THE PIG (15): Medieval romp with serious twinges, ideal for BBC2. With Colin Firth, Nicol Williamson; director, Leslie Megahey.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Warner** ◪ (071-439 4343)

MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY (PG): Woody Allen and Diane Keaton turn amateur sleuths. Benign, frivolous comedy with Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **Gate** ◪ (071-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426-915 353) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Warner** ◪ (071-439 4343)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of **films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country**

Swiss Cottage (0426 914098) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **TOMBSTONE** (15): Unremarkable return to the OK Corral, with Kurt Russell (Wyatt Earp) and Val Kilmer (Doc Holliday). George P. Cosmatos directs.
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CURRENT

◆ **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES** (PG): Barry Sonnenfeld's overblown sequel, with good stretches. With Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **CARLITO'S WAY** (18): Can Al Pacino's gangster go straight? Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **FAREWELL, MY CONCUBINE** (15): Chen Kaige's Cannes prizewinner: a bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, and Chinese history. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

◆ **MALICE** (15): Alec Baldwin's hot-shot doctor shatters Nicole Kidman and Bill Pullman's domestic bliss. Shallow, serpentine and appallingly thriller; director, Harold Becker.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **A PERFECT WORLD** (15): Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Thoughtful if overstretched drama. Eastwood also directs.
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PROVIDENCE (15): Alain Resnais's elegant enigma of 1977, with John Gielgud as the dying writer weaving his family into his fiction. With Dirk Bogarde and Ellen Burstyn.
Everyman ◪ (071-435 1525) **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

◆ **ROBIN HOOD: MEN IN TIGHTS** (PG): Unfunny, outdated Sherwood Forest spoof from Mel Brooks, with Patrick Stewart, Isaac Hayes and Tracey Ullman.
Odeon Mezzanine ◪ (0426 915683)



Kristin Hersh: "My body feels the heat and electricity of the songs, and I will never again allow people to tell me that I am hallucinating"

Burnt up but not burnt out

Caitlin Moran meets Kristin Hersh, the world's most intense 19-year-old songwriter

Close your eyes. It's easy to imagine things in the dark — you can sculpt your thoughts into delicate shape: spin them and throw them and twist them and leave them. Let your mind slide over the subject of music, the power that it has. Beats that armies march to war on, songs that hush busy pubs down to silence, tunes that force you to fall in love with a person you're standing next to. "Amazing Grace" and "How Soon is Now?" "Blowing in the Wind" and "Losing My Religion"; all songs that no songwriter could claim to own anymore: these songs have begun to live, they have jumped free of their creators and started independent lives in satellite towns 20 miles out from the city centre. So far, so sussed.

But now, with eyes closed and wandering through the Big Black, imagine that songs like this are coming out of you: rising up inside your stomach and fighting to come out of your skin; burning white-hot in your blood and pawing at the inside of your head. Imagine you are 19 years old, pregnant, and the music is making your body and brain ill with the force with which it wants to live. Imagine that you are Kristin Hersh of Throwing Muses.

"To me, the songs are real, living things. You know, your brain can fool you and your feelings can fool you, but your body just *knows*, if you trust it; and my body feels the heat and electricity of the songs, and I will never again allow people to tell me I'm hallucinating, because I'm me; I'll only ever be me — seeing these things with my eyeballs. Of course, this is not a good conversation to have when you're sitting in hospital and some guy's standing over you with a hypodermic."



Kristin is sitting on a ridiculously fluffy rug in her record company offices. She is tiny, with huge, multi-coloured eyes and blue-black hair down to her shoulder blades. She is wearing what looks like a pair of 12-year-old's party shoes, without socks or laces, and ignoring a cup of congealing tea while dealing with her past in a sensible, and frequently blackly humoured, way. Kristin has a lot of past. Sometimes, in the press, this tends to cling on to her present. Journalists want to go back down the avenue she fought so hard to escape: her bi-polarity (schizophrenia) which resulted in her first child, Dylan, being taken away from her and put into the custody of her ex-boyfriend.

The 19-year-old girl, born in the Deep South, screamed through her twistedly bright debut album, fearing that her manic voice, which she referred to as Evil Kristin, was in there with the baby and would harm it. There were years when her brain bled electric and burned, when the songs lived in the room with her, fought in her head — and she kept it all hidden.

"I don't think I was schizophrenic or bi-polar," she says, leaning back against the sofa and squinting into the sun. "I was just a songwriter, and no one quite knows how you come to be a songwriter, why certain people get this stuff in their heads. I don't have a chemical disorder *now*. Back then, I was scared to let the songs say what they wanted, so they got stuck in me and I started to heat up, and I got too much electricity in my brain. Songs are objects that get lodged inside you. Now, I just let the songs say what they want to say. I let them go."

Kristin has just let a whole album of songs go. She has taken the lid off and freed them like big white night-moths from a jar. The single, "Your Ghost", has her twining her voice around Michael Stipe's. It is possibly the most beautiful thing the *Chart Show* has ever played. In an impossibly perfect world it would have had things like daytime airplay. However, a sub-committee of Visigoths decided this was not to be.

"I hate the music on the radio," Kristin states, scuffing at the rug with her shoe. "I hate MTV; it's telly evangelism. I want a house for the babies and my phone bills paid, but I can't have it because I play Good Music instead of Sucky Music."

Hips and Makers, her first solo acoustic LP (reviewed by David Sinclair opposite), is decidedly non-sucky. Previous Throwing Muses albums, works of genius all, tended to sound *slightly incomplete: there was a ribbon* of silence strung through them; a space for you to scream along to. *Hips and Makers* is the work of someone at peace with themselves — someone who has stopped hurting, but can remember how the hurt felt, the patterns it leaves across the skin and the holes it burns into endless nights spent reeling around the house, desperately searching for sleep.

The exception to this is "The Letter", written in September 1984. Kristin's voice, high and pinched with misery, stumbled through the lyrics — which are a transcription of a real letter she wrote but was too scared to send.

I'm turning up in circles
I'm spinning on my knuckles
Don't forget that I'm living in
The space where wall and
floors meet
Forgive me, comfort me
You comfort me, you make me die
I'm crawling on the floor
Gather me up because I'm lost
Or I'm back where I started from
I'm crawling, rolling
I'm gonna cry, you look for me.

"It's female music," Kristin says, "it covers the whole body: the female body is a beautiful, complicated thing. We have a hundred thousand rhythms and counter-rhythms going on inside of us. Normal pop music, male music, is tied only to the heartbeat. This stuff's different. I just listen to what's going on in my body, and try to record it."

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POP ON FRIDAY: Another Richard Thompson masterpiece destined for obscurity ... but life looks good for Tori Amos

Thompson the prince of darkness

NEW ALBUMS: **David Sinclair** revels in the latest dose of perfection from a cult hero, but finds ZZ Top a bit of a let-down





ZZ Top — (from left) Dusty Hill, Frank Beard and Billy Gibbons — go back to basics, while Richard Thompson continues to plough his lonely furrow of excellence

RICHARD THOMPSON
Mirror Blue
(Capitol 7 81492)

WITH a vocal tone as merry as an undertaker's, a guitar sound as hard as harpoon steel and songs no less capable of piercing the heart, Richard Thompson continues to produce music of surpassing wit and grace.

Thompson's skills as writer and musician are obvious, but his most telling gift is the ability to balance a stinging attack with a rare gentleness of spirit. "The Way That It Shows", for instance, is in the classic Thompson mould: a mournful ballad that grows increasingly agitated until the final chorus disappears into a writhing vortex of guitar lines. Thompson's wry description of the number as "a standard, post-Dylan, post-Costello love song: 10 per cent affection, 90 per cent put-down", gives fair indication of a lyric dripping with withering scorn.

But no less characteristic of his style is the plaintive romanticism of "King Of Bohemia", a folk song which he plays with unadorned delicacy on a nylon-stringed acoustic. In a similar vein, the wonderfully affecting "Beeswing" is a lively narrative about a long-departed lover with a severe case of wanderlust: "And they say her flower is faded now/Hard weather and hard booze/But maybe that's just the price you pay/For the chains you refuse."

The mix is completed by Thompson's devilish sense of humour, which surfaces on tracks like "Easy There, Steady Now" with its striding, neo-jazz bass line and "Fast Food", a cruelly funny indictment of the burger bar aesthetic: "Water down the ketchup, easier to pour on/Pictures on the register in case you're a moron".

Such quirks are underpinned by an intriguing barrage of clattery percussion effects, courtesy of former Attractions drummer Pete Thomas, the best being a short volley of bangs and crashes at the end of "MGB-GT" that sounds like a car reversing into a line of dustbins. Original, engaging and forged to a high standard throughout, *Mirror Blue* has a taut vitality that confirms Thompson's status as the finest singing, songwriting guitarist England has produced.

ZZ TOP
Antenna
(RCA 74321182602)

THE faintly surreal quality ZZ Top have so assiduously cultivated, along with those beards, was highlighted by the Texan trio's recent appearance on *The Des O'Connor Show*. Slouching into the midst of all that backslapping, light entertainment bonhomie, the inscrutable rock'n'roll Methuselahs looked as if they had accidentally strayed across from a Mel Brooks movie on another set. Too bad the song they played, "Pincushion", was unlikely to win them any converts.

As the first single from *Antenna*, "Pincushion" is an accurate, if rather depressing advertisement for a sturdy album that fails to sparkle. Powered by the trademark sound of Billy Gibbons's guitar — once memorably likened to the feeling of "four flat tyres on a muddy road" — the band continues to trade in huge, languid riffs, minimalist, blues-tinged melodies and salacious in-jokes signposted by titles like "Fuzzbox Voodoo", "Cherry Red" and "Cover Your Rig", the latter a Texas-style exhortation to make use of condoms.

The album is being touted as something of an exercise in "back to basics", and there are none of the synthesizer colourings or high-tech drum sounds that were imported for tracks on their 1980s albums, *Eliminator* and *Afterburner*. But such retrenchment has failed to stave off a slight but perceptible hardening of the creative arteries. Too many of the tracks on *Antenna* steer a comfortable course across terrain the band has covered many times before.

KRISTIN HERSH
Hips And Makers
(4AD CADD 4002)

HAVING established an impeccable set of "alternative" credentials as leader and mainstay of trendsetting Boston band Throwing Muses, Kristin Hersh now unleashes the enigmatically titled *Hips And Makers*, a solo debut that will shore up her oddball reputation, if not her bank balance. Musically, the tone is severe and the setting austere — just her tremulous voice accompanied by either acoustic guitar or piano and a lachrymose cello. There is a spring in the step of the opening track, "Your Ghost", but the stark melodramatics of "Beestung" soon take over and the album gradually becomes permeated by a self-conscious and, frankly, joyless air of psychosis.

There is much flushing out of fear, frustration and pent-up emotion. Doubtless the process is cathartic and therapeutic (for Hersh, if no one else). But how seriously are we to take a performer who can sing, apparently straightfaced, a lyric like: "Never was a baritone til you stepped in/Never dried my halters on the line/This hairdo's truly evil/I'm not sure it's mine."?

THE BAND
Jericho
(Essential/Castle Communications ESS 199)

LITTLE Feat, Steely Dan, Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Velvet Underground: irrespective of deaths or defections from the ranks, there is apparently no band from the archives of American rock'n'roll that can safely be considered out for the count in the 1990s.

The latest unlikely grouping of "third agers" (adspeak for folk in their fifties) to hit the comeback trail is the Band. Having established something of a solo career, Robbie Robertson is not aboard for the trip. Nor is pianist Richard Manuel, who committed suicide in 1986, although he does feature on one track, "Country Boy", recorded in 1985. But Levon Helm, Rick Danko and a heroically greybearded Garth Hudson are all present, and the resulting music sounds more or less correct.

There is a limber opening track, "Remedy", which faithfully recreates the supremely relaxed, hick harmony-rock style of the original Band, and "The Caves Of Jericho" echoes the stately pulse and soaring vocalese that graced such ancient classics as "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down".

But the absence of Robertson, ever the group's most prolific writer and guiding spirit, is keenly felt. Cover versions of Dylan's "Blind Willie McTell", Springsteen's "Atlantic City" and the Willie Dixon blues "Same Thing" are all very pleasant, but the paucity of original material and the lack of adventure tell against the album as a whole.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**Tease Me**	Chaka Demus & Pliers (Mango)
2	**So Close**	Dina Carroll (A&M)
3	**One Woman — The Ultimate Collection**	Diana Ross (EMI)
4	**So Far So Good**	Bryan Adams (A&M)
5	**Debut**	Björk (One Little Indian)
6	**Elegant Slumming**	M People (deConstruction)
7	**Everything Changes**	Take That (RCA)
8	**Both Sides**	Phil Collins (Virgin)
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10	**Bat Out Of Hell II — Back Into Hell**	Meat Loaf (Virgin)

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Confessions of a cereal killer

Only Tori Amos could write a song about women being cornflakes, and have a hit with it

STEPHEN MARKESON



Sensitive singer-songwriter Tori Amos adopts her gregarious alter ego of cute rock chick

The Top Ten of this week's singles chart has an intruder aboard. In there among exhortations to "shake it up, baby" and "come baby come, baby baby come come" by the likes of Chaka Demus and K7 stands a catchy little number about betrayal among women, based on a book by Alice Walker and featuring a piano solo heavily influenced by jazzmeister Keith Jarrett. Not exactly the stuff of *Top Of The Pops*.

The vertiginous debut at number seven of "Cornflake Girl" by Tori Amos is but the latest triumph in a career that has been at warp drive since she debuted two years ago with *Little Earthquakes*, a startlingly original work of cerebral songsmanship that captured British ears before it bent anyone else's and went on to sell a million worldwide. Amos, the North Carolina native turned adopted Londoner, looked to have exceeded all reasonable expectations when no fewer than three of the delicate and artful pieces from that first album, "Winter", "Cruelty" and "Silent All These Years", found room for themselves in the Top 30. The even greater success of "Cornflake Girl" tees up the release at the end of the month of *Under The Pink*.

Rarely can the hit parade have housed such deep and dark sentiments. "I'm thrilled that people are opening up to that song," she says of "Cornflake Girl," which was inspired by Walker's novel *Possessing The Secret Of Joy*.

It is built on the premise that women fall into one of two categories, the cornflake girl or the raisin girl. "I've set up two factions that are at war with each other," Amos says. "Of course I would like to think I'm a raisin girl, because in my mind they're more open-minded. Cornflake girls are totally self-centred, don't care about anything or anybody."

Such complex imagery is typical from an artist whose unabashed individuality means she is often suspected of knitting with only one needle. Whether the average 12-year-old singles buyer will fully grasp the lyrical ramifications matters not to Amos, who is happy for her songs to be customised by each individual who hears them. "What they hear is: 'This is not really happening/You bet your life it is', and whether that's the earthquake in LA or you just got fired from your job, it's the shock of an experience. Some people get things on every level, some people never will. I do respect the listener's point of view, because they come up with things I'd never thought of before.

"When I listen to, say, the Beatles' 'A Day In The Life', I don't know what people got out of that, but it affected me on a deep, deep level. It changed my life. There's a lot in that song, but a lot of people maybe only heard one phrase. At the end of the day, though, I don't know if it matters, because, consciously or sub-consciously, you're getting it."

Under The Pink also confronts such laugh-a-minute themes as organised religion, in "God" ("Will you even tell her if you decide to make the sky fall") and violence, in "The Waitress" ("I believe in peace/Bitch I believe in peace"), and their often tense, coiled energy might lead one to imagine an artist wearing an ingrained frown.

Instead, Amos is gregarious, unpretentious, friendly to a fault and clearly loved by all about her. If songwriting were therapy, it could be said to have worked wonders for the child prodigy with the classical piano training and Methodist preacher father. But therapy is not the word she would use.

"Driving a four-wheel-drive is therapeutic for me. I wouldn't say making a record is. I kind of feel I'm an archaeologist when I'm making a record. I'm digging to discover things. I can't write something if I don't crawl in and sit behind your eyes and feel that." The album, co-produced with her boyfriend Eric Rosse, was recorded in a 150-year-old hacienda in New Mexico, yet another relocation for an artist who moved from North Carolina to Los Angeles and then to London when her American record company said that perhaps its UK counterpart would understand *Little Earthquakes* better than it did.

> 'I would like to think I'm a raisin girl; they're more open-minded'

Of the months spent recording the new album, Amos says: "I wanted to be in another world. I didn't want to be in the city, didn't want to be around other people's ideas and comments. Who needs them? I've trained myself to be very *present*, even during a nine-month process, when you can easily lose focus. I'm very disciplined in that way. Disciplined is not what other musicians would necessarily call me, they might call me obsessed and relentless and really out of control."

Sure enough, the fresh environment conjured up fresh ideas. "The feeling for this record was: 'How can I go more internal and yet bring a few different paints with me?' There was a part of me, from the lyric side, that wanted to have a few different ideas happening at the same time. For instance, when 'Past The Mission' started to come, it was just my feeling of being around all the missions and what they represented to me, because in New Mexico there are so many missions and that's where so many of the native people were corralled and their beliefs broken. What I started to feel was an understanding of how my own belief system was controlled by the church."

Such relentless self-examination is part of the Amos character, but without any trace of an analyst's couch. This week may be the only occasion when she appears in the same list as "Twist And Shout", but she is rather enjoying the company. "It's a neat feeling," she says. "Everybody told me this 'girl on the piano' thing was never going to work."

PAUL SEXTON

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Countdown to ecstasy

Megatripolis
Heaven, WC2

HELD on a monthly basis in the premises of Heaven, just behind Charing Cross station, Megatripolis could be mistaken for any other London club. Outside, there are steel grilles suitable for the herding of dangerous beasts, a metal detector, Sumo-sized security personnel and a frustrated queue of miscellaneous night people attempting to infiltrate the guest list.

But inside, the scene warped into another dimension. Yes, there was music playing at 9pm, but it was restricted to an unusually discreet halo of mood-tinting that burbled in corners. The explanation for this absence of beats bludgeoning the chest lay at the far end of a bazaar of neo-hippy trinkets, mystic jewellery, green anarchist pamphlets and preposterous hats. In Heaven's main room, a mixed crowd sat in darkness and silence to hear Dr Rupert Sheldrake deliver a lecture on evolution and, more or less, the history of everything.

Seemingly undeterred by the notion of speaking at a nightclub, Sheldrake outlined his theory of morphic resonance. This explains, or so he claims, why new chemical compounds crystallise with difficulty the first few times, but then seem to learn how to form themselves more quickly.

After all the dedicated eggheads had retired to a room temporarily re-named the Techno Silence Suite, Megatripolis revealed itself as a bizarre convergence of hippies, trendy young clubbers, trance-dancers fresh from the beaches of Goa and a fair proportion of nonplussed voyeurs.

With its roots in the fertile lunacy of the 1960s, Megatripolis still believes in bands. The mix of stimuli rarely settles, however. A group of drummers played fast and furious rhythms at one end of the bar while electronic graphics and hard-core techno flickered and throbbed at the other.

Back in the main room, United Sound System took the stage. Although parts of their music were in accord with the Megatripolis techno-pagan aesthetic, at heart they seemed as populist as Slade. As the heaving dance floor reverted to its normal function, morphic resonance took control.

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THE TIMES

Ball begins battle against time

By Keith Pike

THE power of public opinion continues to hold sway at The Dell in Southampton. Supporters who effectively hounded Ian Branfoot out of office last week got their way again yesterday when Alan Ball was appointed manager of the faltering Premiership club.

Ball, an overwhelming favourite for the job in local opinion polls, joins on a 30-month contract from Exeter City, and will work in tandem with Lawrie McMenemy, the former Southampton manager who took him to The Dell as a player 17 years ago. McMenemy, most recently Graham Taylor's assistant with England, who rejoined the club as a director last month, has been installed as general manager.

Ball's return became inevitable once David Webb, the Brentford manager, had rejected Southampton's overtures, and the move re-establishes the partnership that once helped make Southampton one of the most attractive sides in the country. Ball, 48, will at least be spared the abuse from the terraces that eventually forced Branfoot to resign. A handful of supporters were at the ground yesterday to welcome him back, promising a fresh start and their full backing.

Ball, though, knows that time is not on his side if he is to help Southampton avoid relegation. Starting with the match against Newcastle United tomorrow, he has got 17 games left in which to turn the side around.

A highly skilled midfield player whose enthusiasm for the game borders on fanaticism, Ball will need to call on all his motivational powers. Yet while he may have been good enough as a player to win 72 England caps and a World Cup winner's medal in 1966, his record in ten years of management at Blackpool, Portsmouth, Stoke City and Exeter City has not been conspicuous for its success. His first three appointments ended in dismissal.

Southampton have only Oldham Athletic and Swindon Town below them in the Premiership and have won only seven out of 29 matches this season. They were knocked out of the FA Cup in a replay on Tuesday by Port Vale, of the second division.

"I can't make any promises," Ball said yesterday. "The players have got themselves in a bit of a hole, but they have got to realise their responsibilities and recognise the challenge facing them. It will be tough, but I would not have come back if I did not think it was possible."

Ball, though, was delighted to return to the town he still calls home and where his children still live. "When I first came here we were fourth from bottom of the second division, but it was a happy place and we played some good football. That will be the way of it again, and if everybody pulls together we can haul ourselves up."

Ball sees no potential problems in working alongside McMenemy in a two-tier management system duplicated in the Premiership only at Ipswich Town. "We have always got on very well, and in our position two heads will be better than one."

It is McMenemy who will control the purse strings, and despite the club banking over £5 million from the sales of Alan Shearer and Tim Flowers it is unlikely Ball will be allowed to buy his way out of trouble. "Alan will do the job he is best at, working with the players, and he will get my full backing," McMenemy said. "We want to get back to the sort of football we all enjoy here."

Ball leaves Exeter with their best wishes, according to Ivor Doble, the club chairman, although it is thought that Southampton will have to pay around £100,000 in compensation. "We could not be expected to stand in his way and we don't blame him for wanting to go to a Premiership club," Doble said.

Terry Cooper, who left Exeter for Birmingham City in August 1991 and who resigned from St Andrew's in November, is favourite to return to Exeter as Ball's replacement.

JULIAN HERBERT



Ball, left, and McMenemy, who joined forces yesterday in an attempt to halt Southampton's decline

Armstrong poised for comeback as Scotland ring the changes

By David Hands and Alan Lorimer

THE Scotland rugby union selectors, who have lurched from one crisis to another this season, wielded the axe again yesterday. Having made eight changes from the side beaten 51-15 by New Zealand in November for the match against Wales last Saturday, they have made a further nine for the team to play England at Murrayfield on February 5.

That nine may yet be reduced to eight, but only if Gary Armstrong demonstrates this weekend that he is not fit enough to resume his international career. The Jed-Forest scrum-half, who retired from international rugby last year, has been persuaded by the selectors that his country has never needed him more than after the 29-6 defeat by Wales. He surely needs only to finish the league game against Gala on Saturday to win his 29th cap.

"He is very much back in the frame," Duncan Paterson, the Scotland team manager, said. According to Paterson, Armstrong "is anxious to play for his country."

Armstrong, 27, who damaged a rib cartilage playing for the Barbarians against New Zealand last month, may return, but his partner in 26 games, Craig Chalmers, will not. Chalmers has not finished his last three internationals, his form this season has been uneven because of injuries and he is now replaced at stand-off half by Gregor Townsend, in a side showing two new caps. Alan Sharp and Peter Walton, who have both played in English representative teams, now make their Scotland debuts at loose-head prop and blind-side flanker respectively.

Sharp, 24, who played for England B five years ago, was picked against Ireland last season but had to withdraw with a hairline fracture of the left leg. This season he has scrummaged solidly but has been a victim of the search for a gigantic pack, which resulted in the inclusion of Alan Watt against New Zealand, or the supposed footballing abilities of Peter Wright.

Walton, also 24, went to Merchiston Castle and captained Scotland Schools against England from the second row. He played in the front row for England Colts the following year, in a pack including Andy Reed, who is also recalled to the side after operations on both knees and only one league fixture this season with Bath.

Walton, 6ft 3in and 17st 7lb, joined Newcastle Gosforth as a back-row forward but moved to Northampton last season and developed under the tuition of Wayne Shelford. "Hopefully Sharp will tighten up our scrummaging while Walton's lineout sweeping is a plus and he also brings bulk to the side," Paterson said.

Of the team that started against Wales, Wright, Chalmers, Neil Edwards, Derek Turnbull and Ian Jardine are dropped, Iain Morrison, having broken a leg, is out for the season, and Andy Nicol must wait both on Armstrong's fitness and his own, the scrum half having bruised ribs in Cardiff.

Rob Wainwright reverts to open-side flanker, where he played against New Zealand — a move which gives Scotland a tall back row and may affect England's selection in that area — and Townsend moves from centre to his club position of stand-off.

Townsend is a natural runner and, coupled with the restoration of the in-form Doug Wyllie, whose first cap was ten years ago, suggests a policy of attack. "Gregor is an exciting talent," Paterson said. "It is time to give him an opportunity. We are looking to move the ball quickly."

Though some vacancies have been created by injury or retirement, change on such a substantial scale is an indictment of the selectors, whose demanding training regime over the last six weeks has not produced results nor, it is suspected, a contented squad. In trying to field teams to match the presumed strengths of opponents, they have produced neither fish nor fowl.

Only seven of this team played in the defeat against England last March, though injuries have affected the availability, at one time or another, of Reed, Turnbull, Morrison, Graham Shiel and Scott Hastings, who returns to centre after a heel injury. This latest combination looks far more convincing than the other two, assuming the fitness of all participants, but having conceded 80 points in two games, morale will need some severe massaging in the next fortnight.

SCOTLAND

A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), D S Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), K M Logan (Stirling County), G P J Townsend (Gala), A N Other, A V Sharp (Bristol), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), P Walton (Northampton), D S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), A I Reed (Bath), R I Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals), G W Weir (Melrose)

Replacements: D A Stark (Boroughmuir), I C Jardine (Stirling County), A N Other, I R Smith (Gloucester), A G J Watt (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), K D McKenzie (Stirling County).

Bolton's giant-killers enhance Cup reputation

By Peter Ball

THE FA Cup holds an appeal for all clubs, but some are especially touched by its magic. On Wednesday, Peterborough United and Bristol City made their contributions to a night of Cup drama, although pride of place went to Bolton Wanderers, who revealed the club's great tradition is undiminished.

Their victory after trailing by two goals in the third-round replay at Everton, whose first-team coach, Colin Harvey, ended a 30-year association with the club yesterday, was the very stuff of Cup football. McGinlay, who scored in the win at Anfield a year ago, set them on their way with a fine volley, matched for style by the move which produced the winning goal.

Coyle, the scorer of that goal, had been left out of the side for four games and incurred his manager's wrath for complaining publicly that Bruce Rioch treated his players like pawns.

"We didn't speak to him for a week," Rioch admitted. "Why should we? He got a rollicking on Monday, was on the team sheet on Tuesday and came up trumps on Wednesday. I said to him afterwards it's funny how things change in this game."

Bolton's triumph sets up a rewarding home tie against Arsenal. With an anticipated sell-out crowd of 22,500 and £96,000 for the live television fee, Bolton stand to make in the region of £200,000 from the game.

But if Bolton, who have lost only twice in 22 games, are thriving, Mike Walker may not see the funny side of Coyle's week. Walker was quick to pounce on an Evertonian who remarked that the Cup exit marked the effective end of the club's season, but it left him in no doubt about his priorities. The team which went nine hours without scoring a goal in December has conquered that problem only to start conceding them with abandon.

"A Premier League side that is two goals up shouldn't lose," Walker said, "but if you can't defend properly it is going to cost you goals."

Walker accepts that part of the problem has been individual mistakes, and on Wednesday Neville Southall took the blame for Bolton's second goal. "We need to tighten up as a group defensively," he said. Harvey's departure is likely to be only the first. He resigned after failing to receive assurances about his future from Walker. Everton said their former player and manager had left in "amicable circumstances".

It had been expected that, with a minimum of £6 million burning a hole in his pocket, Walker's priority would be forwards. The arrival of Angell, and the sudden breakthrough by Stuart Barlow, suggests he will be looking at defenders when the take-over of the club is finalised, if not before.

FA CUP

REVISED FOURTH-ROUND DRAW: Port Vale v Wolverhampton Grimsby v Aston Villa; Newcastle v Luton; Wimbledon v Sunderland; Stockport v Bristol City or Liverpool; Norwich v Manchester Utd; Plymouth v Barnsley; Ipswich v Tottenham; Oldham v Stoke; Chelsea v Sheffield Wednesday; Kidderminster v Preston; Notts County v West Ham; Cardiff v Manchester City; Charlton v Blackburn; Oxford v Leeds; Bolton v Arsenal

☐ Ties to be played January 29, 30 and 31

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GLASGOW: Kelvin Hall meeting. Selected result: Women's 800m: 1, K Wade (Wales) 2min 8.26sec

BADMINTON

TOKYO: Japan Open championships: Men's singles: First round: K Honda (Japan) bt L Wei-jen (Taiwan) 15-5, 15-3; P Espersen (Den) bt K Suzuki (Japan) 15-9, 15-12; D Soma (Malay) bt C Hung-li (Taiwan) 15-17, 15-12, 15-7; L Lwen (China) bt H Fuchs (Austria) 4-15, 15-6, 15-5; S Hookasemkit (Thai) bt C Brul (Holl) 15-4, 15-2; F Machrda (Japan) bt H Hwang (Sing) 15-3, 15-1; P Sung-Woo (S Kor) bt H Yamada (Japan) 15-6, 15-9; M Sogaard (Den) bt T Katayama (Japan) 15-6, 15-3; D Jong (China) bt Pei Wei Chung (Malay) 15-11, 15-5; D Hall (GB) bt L En-horng (Taiwan) 18-16, 7-15, 15-8; J Olsson (Swe) bt Ge Cheng (China) 15-2, 15-7; K Shimokami (Japan) bt K Han (US) 15-7, 15-8; S B Nielsen (Den) bt Din Jhy-chen (Taiwan) 15-11, 5-15, 15-10; J van Dijk (Holl) bt M Mainaky (Indo) 15-6, 11-15, 15-12; Chang Jeng-shyong (Taiwan) bt Y Nakamura (Japan) 15-8, 8-15, 15-0; A Jae-Chang (S Kor) bt E Lia (Nor) 15-9, 15-7; T Johansson (Swe) bt Lu Jun (China) w/o; P Rasmussen (Den) bt S Oka (Japan) 15-5, 15-5; T Suka (Japan) bt Wu Chun-sheng (Taiwan) 15-10, 15-6; P Knowles (GB) bt Y Tsujda (Japan) 7-15, 15-4, 15-7; D Pongratz (Ger) bt P Janthanuupen (Malaysia) w/o

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Golden State 120 Atlanta 119; Charlotte 115 Philadelphia 103, Indiana 109 Miami 92, New Jersey 112 Minnesota 91; New York 120 San Antonio 108, Orlando 108 La Clippers 96, Chicago 84 Washington 83, Boston 89 Dallas 84, Utah 104 Cleveland 92, Seattle 114 Sacramento 95

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Guildford Jungs 51 (Clark 20, Byrd 6, Miller 6, Brown 6) Olympiakos (Gr) 71 (Fasoulos 19, Tandjay 15, Pespeal 13).

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham Bullets 75 Proton Manchester Giants 85, Telecential Hemel Royals 86 Thames Valley Tigers 105

BIATHLON

ANTERSELVA, Italy: World Cup: 20km (misses from shooting range in parentheses): 1, S Fischer, Ger (1) 55:32.0 2, P Favre, It (0) 55:51.5, 3, F Luck, Ger (2) 56:43.9, 4, V Kirenko, Russ (2) 57:21.8, 5 V Medvetsev, Russ (0) 57:27.1, 6, J Holluber, Cz Rep (0) 57:28.8, 7, S Tarasov, Russ (3) 57:30.8, 8, A Zingerle, It (3) 57:31.0, 9, P Bailly-Salins, Fr (3) 57:48.4, 10, R Zvonkov, Ukr (1) 57:59.2

BOWLS

BRITISH ISLES CHAMPIONSHIP: Play-offs: Welsh semi-finals: Fours, Swansea (J Price) bt Flintn (J Hunt) 34-9; Cardiff (P Rowlands) bt Torfaen (W Hier) 22-11

Triples: Vale of Glamorgan (L Webley bt Merthyr Tydfil (C Lewis) 19-15; Cardiff (J Davies) bt Llanelli (D Kingdom) 19-18

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: In Hobart (third day), South Australia 519 and 93-2; Tasmania 401-8 dec (S Young 124 not out) In Brisbane (second day) Queensland 244 (S Law 118), Western Australia 94-1 (J Langer 74 not out).

LEVIN, New Zealand: Women's international: Australia 163-8 (50 overs) (B Clark 35, J Calvert 28, E Drumm 16-2), New Zealand 120 (46.4 overs), (P Kinsella 39, D Hockley 28, Z Goss 28-3, S. Bye 17-3) Three-match series 1-1.

KANDY: Youth international match. England 147-5 lv Sri Lanka

EQUESTRIANISM

LAND ROVER FEI WORLD THREE-DAY EVENT RIDER RANKINGS: 1, S Davidson (US) 320pts, 2, A Nicholson (NZ) 290, 3 K Lande O'Connor (US) 256, 4, M Lohaz (Ger) 246, 5, M Ryan (Aus) 226, 6, MA-D Duroy (Fr) 221, 7, M Todd (NZ) 201, 8, V Elliot (GB) 194, 9, D Seguret (Fra) 194; 10, P Nolan (GB) 194 Young Riders: 1, M Barry (Ire) 2, M Radley (NZ), 3, R McKinnon (NZ).

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: Third round. Bristol City 1 Liverpool 1 Third round replays: Chelsea 4 Barnet 0, Everton 2 Sutton 3 (aet); Middlesbrough 1 Cardiff 2 (aet); Notts Forest 0 Sheff Wed 2, Portsmouth 1 Blackburn 3, Tottenham 1 Peterborough 1 (Tottenham win 5-4 on pens)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Raith 1 St Johnstone 1, Celtic 2 Aberdeen 2. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Tunisia 2, Holland 2 (in Tunis), Spain 2, Portugal 2 (in Vigo)

FA YOUTH CUP: Wimbledon 3 Burnley 4

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 3 Newcastle United 0, Leeds United 2 Sunderland 2, York City 1 Blackburn Rovers 0. Second division: Barnsley 2 Scunthorpe United 4, Burnley 3 Blackpool 0, West Bromwich Albion 3 Port Vale 0, Tranmere Rovers 3 Stoke City 1, Grimsby Town 1 Hull City 0

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton Athletic 3 Millwall 1, Luton 1 Bristol Rovers 0, Southampton 1 Wimbledon 1, Postponed: Tottenham Hotspur v Oxford Utd. Second division: Cheltenham 0, Torquay 2, Swansea 4 Hereford 3, Yeovil 1 Plymouth Argyle 5. Postponed: Cardiff v Bournemouth, Exeter City v Birmingham City

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Denaby United 1 Stocksbridge PS 2

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Second round, Alfreton Town 0 Droylsden 1

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Newport AFC 2 Cheadon Town 0

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Bloodlit trophy: Holker Old Boys 1 Penrith 2

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Carlsberg Trophy: Second round: Edgware Town 2 Farnham Town 1

BASS CUP: Fourth round replay: East Belfast 3 Dungannon 1 (East Belfast play Portadown in fifth round)

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Third round, First leg: Aberystwyth 3 Inter Cardiff 0

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English schools British Gas Trophy: Fifth round: Manchester C Tameside 3 English Addidas Under-13 Trophy: Norfolk 4 Suffolk 0 English Mars Under-19 Trophy: Yeovil College 2 Hale College Swindon 2 St John Regny College Wigan 2 Mancourt HS Liverpool 3, St Francis Xavier College Inner London 1 Ealing College 0 English Under-16 championship: Shepshed GS 2 Malet Lambert Hull 5 Duncan Swindon 3 Horsham HS Bristol 1 Other match: Oratory 4 Carmel 0

SAN DIEGO: International matches: Norway 0 Costa Rica 0, Mexico 1 Bulgaria 1

ITALY: Sressa 1 Pescara 0

GOLF

VERWOERDBURG, South Africa: ICL International tournament, first round (South African unless stated): 61: N Price (Zim); 67: S Meaker (US), A Cruse; 68: I Hutchings; 69: D Schrayer (US), J Nel, B Vaughan (US), D Clarnman, B Liddle, J Kingston; B Downes 70: K Johnson (US), C Mahaffey, J Pereira (US), M Christie (US), A Ronaldi, P O'Brien, J Jacobs (US), S van der Merwe, H Sandom, D Frost; 71: M Archer (GB), S Hendry (US), F Quinn Jr (US), R Burns (GB); 72: J Rantzau (Can), D Bell (US), G Day (US), R Boe (Hol), N Wallace (Gall), G Schroeder (US)

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Brisham 0 Solihull 1, Kelly College 6 Plymouth College 0; Merchant Taylors' Northwood 3 Berkhamsted 1, Reeds 0 St Georges Weybridge 9, Oakham 1 Uppingham 1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo 1 Edmonton 1 (OT), Detroit 4 Anaheim 4 (OT), Florida 5 Washington 1, Hartford 3 Toronto 3 (OT), Montreal 3 Boston 3 (OT), Philadelphia 8 St Louis 3; Tampa Bay 4 NY Islanders 3 (OT), New Jersey 4 Winnipeg 0; Calgary 4 Vancouver 3

ICE SKATING

COPENHAGEN: European figure skating championships: Ice dancing (after original dance): 1, J Torvill and C Dean (GB) 1.6 pts; 2, M Usova and A Zhulin (Russ) 1.6, 3, O Gritschuk and E Platov (Russ) 2.8.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Doncaster 20 Ryedale York 8; Keighley 68 Barrow 4, Swinton 8 Rochdale 13

RUGBY UNION

COMMERCIAL UNION CHAMPIONSHIP: First round: Bath 28 Univ Coll London 14, Durham 49 Keele 3, Second round: Birmingham 20 Sheffield Hallam 28, Loughborough 41 Sheffield 6, Cheltenham and Gloucester 12 Gwent Coll 19, Kent 3 St Mary's Coll 12, Roehampton 17 Bristol 11, West Sussex 3 Exeter 15, Chiswick Cross 19 Royal Agricultural Coll 15, Swansea 28 Leicester 8

CLUB MATCHES: Army 11 Civil Service 13, Cambridge Univ 46 RAF 28, Mountain Ash 12 Llandaff 27; Nuneaton 18 Purley 9; Royal Navy 18 Oxford Univ 24

WELSH SCHOOLS CUP: First round: Llandovery 3 Caerleon 8

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: Embassy world championship: Final qualifying round: S Gill bt M Bennett (Wales) 10-7; C Thorburn (Can) bt A Drago (Malta) 10-5; M Davis bt J Ferguson 10-9, P Ebdon bt S Mazzorora 10-4; D O'Kane (NZ) bt S Lee 10-6; B Shaddon (Scot) bt J Swail (N Ire) 10-4, F O'Brien (Ire) bt N Price 10-4, R O'Sullivan bt A Jones 10-8, D Henry (Scot) bt M Hallett 10-5; G Ponting bt M Johnson-Allen 10-9, A Dewes (Wales) bt J Johnson 10-9, M King bt G Wilkinson 10-9

BLACKPOOL: International Open: Eighth qualifying round: N Walker (Eng) bt S MacFarlane (Scot) 5-2

FIXTURES

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

Bradford v Wakefield Trinity (7.30) ....

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier Division: Group A: Bohemians v Shelbourne (8.0)

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido v Briton Ferry (7.30)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham v Oxford United (2.0)

HOCKEY

NATIONAL INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Crystal Palace): Quarter-finals: St Albans v Doncaster (4.0); Barford Tigers v Stourport (4.50); Firebrands v Weston (5.40); East Grinstead v Lewes (6.30). Semi-finals: St Albans or Doncaster v Barford Tigers or Stourport (7.20); Firebrands or Weston v East Grinstead or Lewes (8.10). Final: (9.30).

WORD-WATCHING

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DICTITATE

(c) To declare, from the Latin *dictitāre* to say often or emphatically, the frequentative of *dictāre* to state: "No doubt the old man did dictitate things, the knowledge whereof would have beautified all happy wits."

ENGYSCOPE

(b) A microscope in the 17th and 18th centuries, subsequently variously employed in a narrower sense. Goring (1830) applied it to denote a compound microscope of any kind; but as the term was most frequently used by him in his description of the Amician and similar reflecting microscopes, it is now commonly understood as a distinctive name of that class of instruments. From the Greek *engus* near at hand + *skopos* a looker.

VORAGE

(c) A whirlpool, gulf, or chasm, from the OF *vorage*, adaptation of the Latin *vorago* a whirlpool: "The famous Romayn, which for to delyver the towne of Rome yielded hym selfe to the same vorage, that as than was sene in Rome."

WITZCHOURA

(a) A style of lady's mantle fashionable c. 1820-35, from the Polish *wilczura* a wolf-skin coat, *wilk* wolf: "The mantle is of the Witzchoura form, drawn close at the back, with large Turkish sleeves, and a deep falling collar."

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England's idyll will be shattered by storm-force fast bowlers

Atherton keen for the talking to stop

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN ANTIGUA

IF ONLY the ghosts of Curtly Ambrose and Richie Richardson did not lurk round every corner, if only every passing stranger did not look like the next Michael Holding, the England cricketers could have enjoyed a thoroughly good time in Antigua this week. Instead, rather like the condemned man enjoying his final cigarette, they know that the pleasures of a picture postcard life will all too soon be shattered by the need to do business at the wrong end of the firing squad.

Time stands still in Antigua, the advertisements say. The England players must wish it would. Or fast forward to the fifth Test match here in mid-April, with Ambrose destroyed and the series wrapped up. Then, the team could join the holiday-makers in the middle of paradise rather than skirting round it, knowing they have not earned the right to indulge themselves just yet.

The eerie feeling of calm is not helped by the locals or well-meaning English tourists, who are only too happy to provide the storm warnings. Whether conveyed in pukka southern tones, Antiguan patois or by the visiting Rory Bremner in any accent you care to nominate, the underlying sentiment is the same. Good luck, lads, you're going to need it. Others are even less sanguine. "England. No chance," my taxi driver said.

This is all part of the psychological preface to the toughest of tours, a mental pummelling that will intensify when the team move on to more volatile, aggressive islands and tenser cricket next month. In India, the invasion of privacy is relentless, but gentler and more charitable. In the Caribbean, the confidence in the home team is overwhelming, the belief in victory as total as the history books suggest it should be, and visitors can be reduced to pygmies in the face of such certainty.

West Indies have not been beaten in their own lands for the past two decades and unless Mike Atherton can coax a sense of real rather than cosmetic belief out of his own young side over the first month of the tour, England will justify the long odds on offer against them.

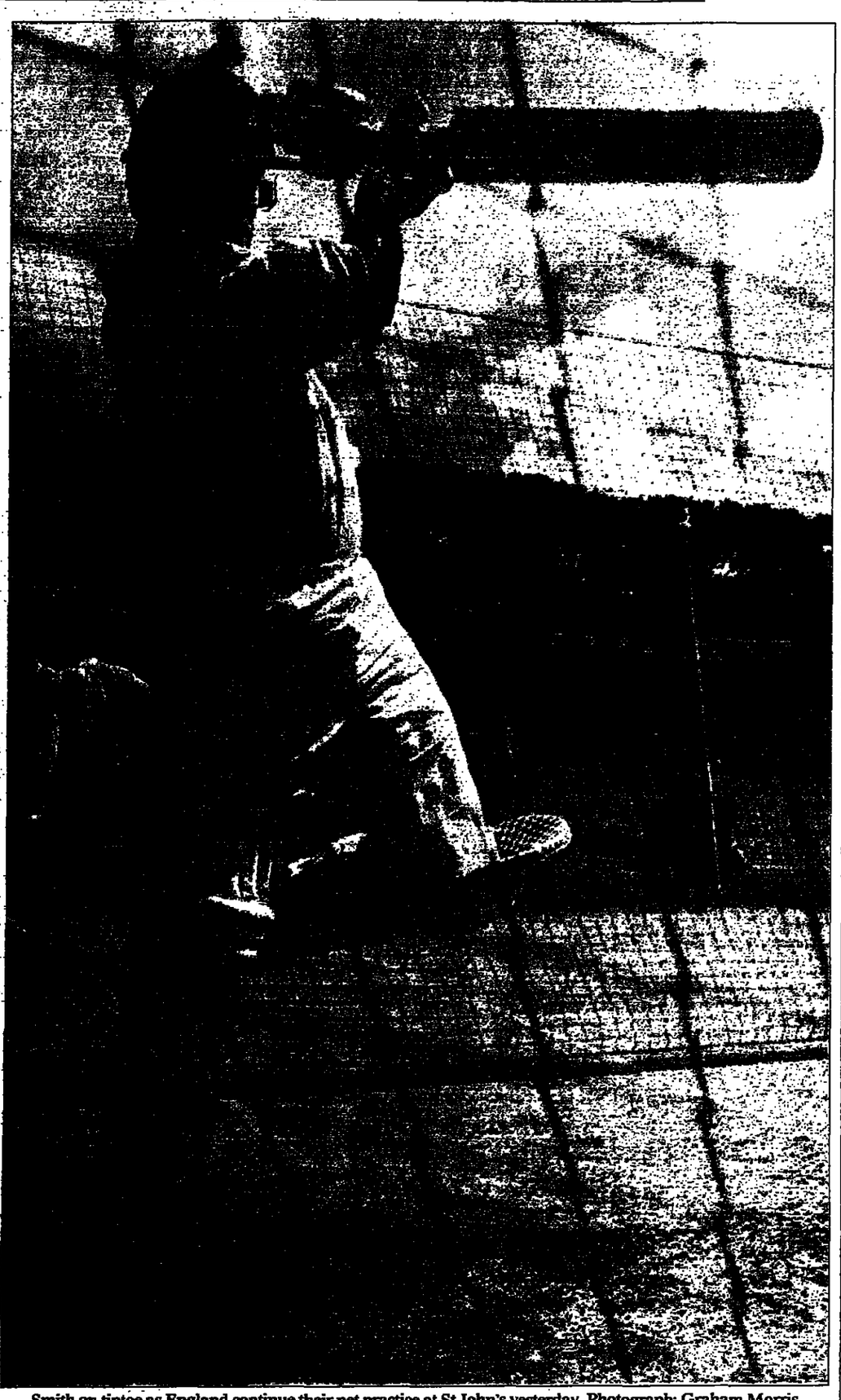
It is a tall order for Atherton, an inexperienced leader and a batsman still unproven at these dizzy heights, and his approach to his first week as a touring captain has rightly been low profile. He has to get his own house in order before he can lecture anyone on their faults. Besides, a persistent throat infection, which has hampered the England captain's early preparations, would seriously limit the effect of any do-or-die orations before the start of the semi-serious cricket against an Antiguan XI on Sunday.

"I've really just been one of the boys this week, trying to find my own form," Atherton said. "I have a low-key style anyway. But I will be strong when I have to be." No one doubts that.

Atherton has placed great emphasis on the need for a "bit of ticker", as he puts it, and on the importance of establishing a strong and abiding spirit in the team. Consciously, he has broken most of the ties with the past so that none of the newcomers can be influenced by lurid tales of yesterday's disasters. Most of the bruised warriors — Gower, Gooch, Pringle — will be watching from the safety of the press box. Rightly or wrongly, Atherton has sacrificed experience for vim and vigour, innocence and naivety.

"You hope the players have the toughness already within them," Atherton said. "It's hard to teach it if they haven't. But we've tried to make the younger ones aware of what it will be like to face their first ball in the first Test at Sabina Park [Jamaica]. They've talked to people like Robin Smith, who've been here before, but you can't ram it down their throats. They'll find out soon enough." If all else fails, with one or two exceptions, this will be the best England fielding side for many a year.

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Smith on tiptoe as England continue their net practice at St John's yesterday. Photograph: Graham Morris

South Africans look to present

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN EAST LONDON

DECISIONS, decisions. The South African selectors named their team yesterday for the five-day match against England A at Port Elizabeth, which starts next Thursday. Before England respond they play the last four-day match of this successful tour against Border, starting today.

Only the outcome of the five-day match will determine how the tour can eventually be judged. England have acquitted themselves favourably so far, except in Durban where they rested their two most impressive bowlers, Mark Ilott and Dominic Cork, against Natal, and watched Martin Bicknell return unhappily to England after bowling only four overs.

If it is to be truly successful England must beat the South African A side, coached by Eddie Barlow. On the evidence of the last six weeks they will not feel too threatened by the bowlers they will face in Port Elizabeth. For some extraordinary reason Steve Elworthy, of Northern Transvaal, far and away the best seam bowler they have played, can find no place in the 12-man party.

The quicker bowlers come from Western Province, who surrendered to England by ten wickets in Cape Town. Meyrick Pringle, who did not take a wicket there, is supported by Aubrey Martyn and the all-rounder, Eric Simons. The spinners are Derek Crookes, of Natal, and Clive Eksteen, of Transvaal.

Jimmy Cook, the captain, and Adrian Kuiper have pooled 17 runs against England in four completed innings. They are chosen ahead of younger men to lend experience to a batting order which features three Orange Free State men: Michael Arthur, Gerhardus Liebenberg and Rudolf Steyn. The side has been selected with only half an eye on the future. The selectors have opted for caution when a bit of daring would not have been amiss.

On form, the England team ought to pick itself. It will be surprising if the side for Border is not the one which plays in Port Elizabeth next week, which means that John Crawley will open with Hugh Morris, Adrian Dale will bat at No 3 and be the sixth bowler behind Martin McCague, Ilott, Cork and the off-spinners, Croft and Such.

When Phil Neale, the team manager, admitted they were "still looking to fill one or two places", he meant that the pitch at Port Elizabeth will not assist an out-and-out fast bowler like McCague.

Nevertheless, as the only quick bowler in the party, McCague will surely play. It makes cricketing sense to give the first-choice team a "net" against Border, who provide only the wicketkeeper, Steve Palframan, to the A side.

"Cork and Ilott, who missed the last match, need a good bowl," Neale said, "and so do the two spinners." In Croft's case to keep him out of mischief. The Welshman is the prankster-in-chief of this party, and ran the Red Dragon up the flag-pole in Bloemfontein to celebrate a rare rugby victory last weekend.

There is a general mood, which Neale shares, that avoiding defeat in Bloemfontein was a good preparation for Port Elizabeth: "The players deserve great credit for digging themselves out of trouble," he said. The most important five days' digging are yet to come.

SOUTH AFRICA A: M Arthur, G Liebenberg, R Steyn, J Cook (captain), A Kuiper, L Wilkinson, E Simons, D Crookes, S Palframan, C Eksteen, M Pringle, A Martyn

Sri Lanka crumble after solid start

ROSHAN Mahanama and Duleep Samaraweera gave Sri Lanka a solid opening partnership in reply to India's first innings score of 511 in the first Test match, in Lucknow, yesterday, but the other batting crumbled and the visitors managed only 197 for seven.

Sri Lanka, who plunged from 120 without loss, need another 115 to avoid the follow-on when play resumes tomorrow after today's rest day.

Anil Kumble had to wait until an hour after lunch before Mahanama became his first victim, one of his four dismissals for 69.

Mahanama, who had batted with assurance and poise for his 73, mistimed a sweep. The ball rose high towards short square leg, and Nayan Mongia, the wicketkeeper, had ample time to take the catch.

Samaraweera promptly fell, leg-before to Rajesh Chauhan, for 42, with the total still on 120. The openers' demise started the slide. Hasan Tillekeratne was next to go, for seven, as Aravinda de Silva Arjuna and Ranatunga, the captain, failed to stop the rot.

Raju collected the wicket of Pubudu Dassanayake, who scored a defiant 36.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First Innings 511 (N S Sidhu 124, S R Tendulkar 142, M Muralitharan 5-162)

SRI LANKA: First Innings

R Mahanama c Mongia b Kumble	73
D Samaraweera lbw b Chauhan	42
H P Tillekeratne c Mongia b Kumble	7
P A de Silva c Azharuddin b Kumble	13
A Ranatunga c Chauhan b Raju	9
R Kalpage c Azharuddin b Kumble	2
P Dassanayake st Mongia b Raju	36
D Liyanage not out	6
S D Anurasiri not out	2
Extras (lb 7)	7
Total (7 wkts)	197

M Muralitharan and P Wickremasinghe to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-120, 2-120, 3-132, 4-149, 5-149, 6-158, 7-191.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 13-5-30-0; Kapil Dev 7-3-12-0, Raju 20-10-25-2; Kumble 37-10-69-4, Chauhan 23-7-54-1.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Bell brothers head Britain's challenge

MARTIN and Graham Bell, whose careers have been given a new lease of life after a string of good results this season, head Britain's alpine skiing team for the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, which was announced yesterday.

Martin, 29, whose eighth place at the 1988 Games in Calgary is Britain's best result in an Olympic men's downhill, has had three finishes in the top 30 on the World Cup circuit this season. Graham, 28, returned to form with the best performance of his career when he finished twelfth at Kitzbühel last week.

Emma Carrick-Anderson, the Austrian-based Scot who gained Britain's best result at the Albertville Olympics two years ago when she finished nineteenth in the slalom at the age of 16, and Claire de Pourtales were selected for the alpine women's events. Richard Cobbing and Jilly Curry will be hoping to land medals in the freestyle events. Michael Dixon leads a five strong-Nordic team.

Price goes round in 61

GOLF: Nick Price, from Zimbabwe, returned 61, the lowest score of his career, at the Zwartkop Country Club in Verwoerdburg to take a six-stroke lead in the ICL international tournament. Price's round equalled the lowest round recorded on the South African Tour. Price took only 11 putts on the inward nine and, with nine birdies and an eagle three at the 1st, scored six consecutive birdies from the 9th to the 14th. Price said: "I birdied the 12th to go seven-under and, the way I was putting, I thought I'd have chances of eagles at both the 13th and at the last. Both are par-fives that are reachable in two. I certainly started thinking about 59."

Andre Cruse, of South Africa, and Scott Medlin, of the United States, shared second place on 67 and Ian Hutchings, of South Africa, was fourth on 68.

Leman defers decision

HOCKEY: Richard Leman could be making his last appearance for East Grinstead as he leads them into the defence of the national indoor club championship, at Crystal Palace, tonight. However, Leman qualified this statement yesterday when he said: "If we win it will mean we shall be back in Europe again and then I shall have a rethink." If East Grinstead win their quarter-final against Lewes they will meet either Firebrands or Welton in the semi-finals. The top half of the draw brings together Stourport, Barford Tigers, St Albans, the winners in 1990 and 1992, and Doncaster.

Valuable preparation

TABLE TENNIS: Lisa Lomas, the England No 1, and Andrea Holt, the national champion, compete in the European Team Cup in Dulmen this weekend. The Cup will provide valuable preparation for the final of the European League, for which England qualified for the first time on Tuesday. England have been included in the same group as Holland and Romania in the six-nation tournament, making it likely that Lomas and Holt will take on both the European champion, Bettine Vriesekoop, and the European Top 12 champion, Emilia Ciosu. Two teams in each group go through to semi-finals.

Crusading Broncos

RUGBY LEAGUE: Brisbane Broncos, the leading Australian club, will today become the new owners of London Crusaders, the British second division side, which will be renamed London Broncos. John Ribot, Brisbane's managing director, said the first priority would be to improve the finances of the club which will continue to play at Barnet Copthall for the remainder of the season. A move to Queens Park Rangers' Loftus Road ground is then a possibility. Rugby league officials see this takeover as their best chance so far of giving the sport a firm footing in the London area, where they have previously failed to make serious inroads.

Higgins on the mend



SNOOKER: Alex Higgins, right, recorded an extraordinary 10-9 victory over Tony Knowles in the final qualifying round of the Embassy world championship in Blackpool yesterday. Higgins, trailing 6-3 at the interval, overcame the pain from a nasty cut on his left arm, sustained during a fall, to ensure his participation in the televised phase at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, for the first time since 1990.

Hayhurst appointed

CRICKET: Somerset yesterday appointed Andy Hayhurst, the all-rounder, as their captain for next season. Hayhurst, 32, who moved to Taunton from Lancashire in 1990, was competing with last season's vice-captain, Richard Harden, for the job vacated by Chris Tavaré, who retired from first-class cricket. Nick Folland, the former Devon captain, had also been touted as a possible candidate. The captaincy had been left open while Somerset approached John Morris, the Derbyshire batsman who has joined Durham, and James Whitaker, of Leicestershire, to fill the gap in their middle order left by Tavaré's departure.

Dickson seizes advantage

BY MALCOLM MCKEAG

WITH fewer than 500 miles to the finish of the third leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race in Auckland, the three New Zealand yachts in the fleet occupy the first three positions.

Lawrie Smith, on *Intrum Justitia*, who chose a course further south than the main group, has slipped to fifth in the W60 class, 25 miles behind the leader, Chris Dickson. Dickson and the maxi, *NZ Endeavour*, of Grant Dalton, are within sight of each other, three miles apart and 412 miles from the finish, with the W60, *Yamaha*, skippered by Ross Field, eight miles astern.

Dickson reported having been slowed for the past two days by a plastic bag caught on the keel. Tom McCann, a crewman, went over the side to remove the obstacle and found it to be the complete skin of a one-metre shark.

The Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) is to organise a European championship for the Mumm 36, the new high performance one-design selected for the 1995 and 1997 Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cups. The first British regatta for the new class will be held at Ancaster, Hamble, from July 1 to 3. Other regattas include the RORC's IMS national championship in June, Cowes week, the German open championship in Kiel in August and regattas in Sardinia, Italy and Palma.

A new all-comers match-race event is to be staged as part of the main British grand prix, the Royal Lymington Cup, in May to overcome criticism that it is too difficult for new names to break in to the established international circuit. The event will be open to any who apply, with 12 competitors who will be selected on merit and previous form and the best two winning places in the grand prix itself, then racing against invited, established crews.

Enza New Zealand, skippered by Peter Blake and Robin Knox-Johnson, yesterday logged 457 miles on the third day of her attempt to sail non-stop around the world in 77 days. The 92ft catamaran is past Madeira, 192 miles ahead of schedule.

POSITIONS

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE (at 13.56GMT yesterday, with miles to go to Auckland): W60 class: 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 412; 2, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 419; 3, NZ) 412; 2, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 419; 3, Winston (D Connor and B Butterworth, US) 425, 4, Gitola 93 Pescnova (J de la Gandara, Spl 428; 5, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 437; 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 489; 7, Heineken (D Riley, US) 577; 8, Brookfield (G Maido, Bl) 583; 9, Heinen Sohsdiechny (E Platon, Ukr) 724; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 862. Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 412; 2, La Poste (D Malle, Fr) 450; 3, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Swzr) 484; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 937

Conference clubs alter focus

BY WALTER GAMMIE

THE 22 GM Vauxhall Conference clubs have, with the exception of Kidderminster Harriers, left behind their annual flirtation with the greater glories and riches of the FA Cup. Tomorrow, they start in the competition that can get them to Wembley, the FA Trophy.

Indeed the Conference has established a monopoly of recent finals. The last club from outside the top flight to win the competition was Bishop's Stortford in 1981; the last to reach the final was Leek Town, in 1990.

Among the form sides with ambitions to interrupt this domination is Marlow, who have established a strong FA Cup pedigree over the past three seasons, are in good form, having leapt to the top of the Diadora League after a 4-3 win over Hayes on Tuesday, and have avoided Conference opposition in the first round. Yet, they will need to tread warily at Woodside Road, home of Worthing, of the Diadora first division. In the last round the Sussex club, managed by Gerry Armstrong, the former Northern Ireland international, knocked out Carshalton Athletic, another of the front runners in the premier division.

Another club with high hopes will be Farnborough Town, displaced this week by Cheltenham Town as leaders of the Beazer Homes League, who play Grays Athletic at Cherrywood Road.

Farnborough will find the atmosphere flat after their 1-0 victory over Aldershot Town at the Recreation Ground on Tuesday before an impassioned crowd of 4,502. Progress to the Hampshire Senior Cup semi-finals was hard-earned, achieved courtesy of a shot by Chris Booth that deflected into the net off Andy Nunn, the Aldershot full back, after 13 minutes of extra time.

Aldershot, of the Diadora second division, could gain confidence for the future from their performance against an experienced side that included Steve Baker, the former Southampton player, as well as Trevor Senior, the seasoned forward. Alan Taylor, the Farnborough manager, said: "They gave us a lot of problems in two games. They're a good side."

The match proved costly to Farnborough in terms of injuries for Dean Coney, Brian Broome and Mark Turkington joined Jamie Horton and Peter Terry on a lengthy casualty list and Taylor's squad is down to the bare minimum.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	105	180	good	varied	art	snow	11	20/1
Light snowfalls improving piste condition								
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	25	90	good	varied	fair	cloud	4	17/1
Visibility worsening by afternoon								
Mayrhofen	0	60	fair	varied	closed	cloud	5	17/1
Worn patches beginning to reappear								
Obergurgl	75	125	good	varied	good	cloud	4	17/1
Best skiing in trees above village								
Söll	20	70	good	varied	icy	cloud	4	17/1
Icy patches on popular lower runs								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	130	220	good	varied	good	fine	10	16/1
Uncrowded pistes in superb condition								
La Plagne	150	310	good	varied	good	fine	5	17/1
Wonderful skiing in bright sunshine								
Megève	60	145	good	varied	good	fine	2	17/1
Piste conditions remain excellent								
S Chevalier	60	200	good	varied	fair	fine	3	16/1
Ideal conditions to enjoy uncrowded piste								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	75	80	good	varied	good	cloud	6	17/1
Flattering snow conditions continue								
Cr Montana	45	150	good	varied	hard	sun	7	17/1
Excellent skiing on quiet slopes								
Gstaad	25	65	good	fair	fair	sun	4	17/1
Exhilarating skiing after careful grooming								
Klosters	30	130	good	varied	good	fair	2	17/1
Lovely skiing on deserted pistes								
St Moritz	40	100	good	varied	good	cloud	7	14/1
Excellent skiing throughout resort								
Verbier	30	320	good	varied	fair	fine	0	17/1
Perfect sunny skiing everywhere								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes, U - upper, art - artificial.

Young Swedes mount challenge

Clark maintains control under growing pressure

FROM MEL WEBB IN AGADIR, MOROCCO

ONLY three golfers prevented the top of the leader board taking on a totally Swedish look on the first day of the Moroccan Open yesterday. Two of them were content to bide their time and let the birdies come as they would. For the third, however, there was one extra compelling reason for wanting the whole thing over and done with as soon as possible.

It was as he walked on to the 10th tee, from where he was to start his round at the Royal Agadir Club, that Howard Clark, a man to whom nothing much is new in this game, felt the first ominous rumblings of something not quite right in the region of his belt buckle.

"It must have been something I ate," Clark said, after completing a 68 for a share of the lead with Peter Hedblom, Robert Karlsson, Jonathan Sewell and Paul Eales. "I wasn't sure I would make it all the way round."

Make it he did, however, having obviously decided that he would stand a much better chance of making a quick return to the sanctuary of the club house with a scorecard, and, just as important, dignity intact if he just got the ball into the hole as quickly as possible.

He did not take long to put the grand plan into action. He birdied the 487-yard 10th with a drive, a four-wood to 12 feet and two putts. To his obvious disgust he planted his second shot on the par-four 11th into sand, but showed his intestinal fortitude, in one respect at least, by holing his bunker shot from 45 feet.

With pressure mounting, both within and without, he very nearly took the shortest possible route on the short 13th, missing what would have been only the second hole in one of this fledgling PGA European Tour season by no more that six inches. Further birdies came at the 15th and 16th. That made it five birdies in six holes, a good enough start by any standards, but for a man with other things on his mind it was extraordinary stuff.

He bogeyed the 18th after missing the fairway, but still reached the turn in 32. It was round about then that he saw what he thought was a haven when he spotted a sign pointing to the toilet. Following it, he came to another sign indicating that the small but welcome room was in the opposite direction. "All I could see was bushes," he said. His predicament was not that bad yet.

He did eventually find what he was looking for, but not until he had picked up his sixth birdie of the day with a ten-foot putt on the 2nd.

But Clark, doughty Yorkshireman that he is, was not going to let a small inconvenience get in the way of a good score. He dropped a shot on the 5th, after missing the fairway with his tee shot, but still pronounced himself pleased with his round.

Clark made a successful start to the season last week when he was joint second in the midst of a host of Swedes. Hedblom, who finished level with Clark in Madeira, Gabriel Hjertstedt, joint fifth last week and only a shot behind here, alongside Philip Walton, and the lofty Karlsson, demonstrated that nothing much had changed in the intervening few days.

Hedblom, who surprises nobody who has ever seen more than two Swedes together by being tall and blond, said that he and his compatriots have been stirred to greater deeds by the exploits of Joakim Haeggman in the Ryder Cup last year. Haeggman is coached by Hedblom's father, Olle, so Hedblom junior gets more opportunity than most to touch the coat-tails of the great and good.

Karlsson, if anything even taller and blonder, underlined Hedblom's sentiments. "It helps that there are so many of us out here now," he said. "There are plenty of young Swedes coming through, and it's encouraging." Clark, the old hand, agreed. "There are Svens everywhere," he said.

Sewell, meanwhile, had an eventful start in which he birdied the 2nd, double-bogeyed the 3rd and birdied the 4th, but five birdies in the last ten holes were the making of his round. As he got into this tournament only as a last-minute reserve, his journey, he felt, had been more than worthwhile.

Eales, eighth in Madeira, came in as dusk was falling having birdied his last two holes. "I've been looking too far ahead in the past — looking to make the cut from the moment I started. I'm trying to take things one round at a time now," he said.

Try telling that to Howard Clark. On this day he was content to keep body and soul — particularly body — together for the next ten minutes.

SCORES

FIRST ROUND LEADERS (GB and Ire unless stated) 68: H Clark, P Hedblom (Swe), R Karlsson (Swe), J Sewell, P Eales. 69: G Hjertstedt (Swe). P Walton 70: P Mayo, M Zerman (It), S Grappasonni (It), R Willson, G Brand Jr, A Forsbrand (Swe) 71: M Roe, A Ceyka (Ger), P Bates (US), N Henning (SA), J Robson, M Martin (Sp), J Robinson, S Bottomley, J Hall

72: W Westner (SA), G Orr, A Collison, B Nelson (US), J Lomas, F Nobilo (NZ), R Lee, M Gates, G J Brand, J Haeggman (Swe), J van de Velde (Fr), I Garbutt. 73: A Lebouc (Fr), T Gogele (Ger), I Gervas (Sp), S Watson, M Gronberg (Swe), M Besancaney (Fr), F Larsson (Swe), H Thul (Ger), M Scarpa (It), M Krantz (Swe), T Price (Aus), P Linhart (Sp), G Manson, M Farry (Fr), M McLean, J Hawkes (SA), P Broadhurst, R Claydon, W Riley (Aus), A Gillner (Swe), M Fatmi (Mor), S Hammil



JOHN HOURS

Happy to be back in the water. Wilson completes his preparations for the Speedo British Grand Prix which starts in Gloucester today

Wilson stakes future in gentler routine

Craig Lord charts the cautionary tale of a swimmer who paid for working too hard in pursuit of his ambitions

The first day in the second swimming life of Ian Wilson begins with a bang at Gloucester today. As he responds to the starter's gun at the Speedo British Grand Prix, the nation's fastest distance freestyle swimmer will end six months of enforced rest from competition.

Last June, all looked well in Wilson's world. He had graduated in business studies from Sunderland University and his daily workouts suggested his progress in water was no less promising. The way seemed clear for Wilson to cruise through the trials for the European championships, and then go for gold in Sheffield and so improve on the silver medal he won at 1,500 metres freestyle in 1991.

But temptation was too great. Wilson was like the boy who plumps for the fattest fruit on the branch, and ends up falling into the bush. At the trials, he swam well below his best and suffered his first domestic defeat in almost five years, at the hands of Graeme Smith, from Stockport. He also performed poorly at the Scottish championships in July.

Wilson turned to the British Olympic Medical Centre (BOMC) at Harrow for explanation. The diagnosis was clear: chronic fatigue syndrome caused by a failure to build sufficient recovery periods into a training programme that had become too intense.

"Afterwards," Wilson reflected, "I realised I had pressed on when I shouldn't have. Instead of taking a session out when I had a sore throat, I kept thinking 'I've got to stick at it'." His programmes were set by correspondence from an absent Ian Armiger. There was no coach to witness Wilson's weariness.

Treatment from the BOMC was sharp, a shock but in no way short term: no European championships, two-days' rest and then a series of six-week cycles in which Wilson's body clock would be wound down, and then slowly wound back up again. "It was hard to accept at first," he admitted. "I kept reliving the trials over and over again. It hadn't felt like me out there."

The new regime has also taken Wilson, 23, into unfamiliar territory — this has been his longest period away from competition since he started, aged nine, on the marathon that is age-group swimming in Britain. At the end of each six-week cycle, stepping up from a mere 20 minutes' exercise every other day in July, Wilson reported back to Dr Richard Budgett to talk through his responses. In effect, he has learnt to interpret his own body language.

Dr Budgett said: "It's catch-22 for many elite endurance athletes in a variety of sports. They have to train hard to achieve their potential and they are tough and dedicated people. It's those very qualities that lead them to overdo things." Acceptance of pain dulled Wilson's ability to read the warning signs.

In November, Wilson joined Terry Denison's squad at Leeds. He accepted advice from Paul Bush, director of swimming for England, that he needed an experienced eye monitoring him from the pool-side. Wilson has found better company at Leeds, in the likes of his rival, Stephen Akers, than the clock was at Sunderland.

Gloucester is a "marker" that separates past from future and introduces Wilson to a different world from the one he left behind last July. Smith, who will not race this weekend, now ranks among the world's top ten on the short-course circuit this season.

Wilson remains the eternal optimist. "That's great," he said. "It means, domestically, I've got someone to swim with instead of always being out there alone. I'm really excited about racing again."

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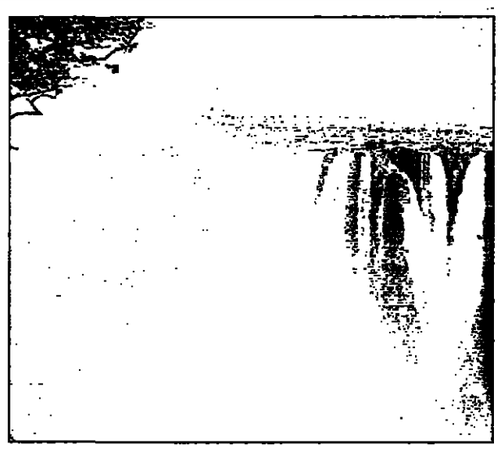
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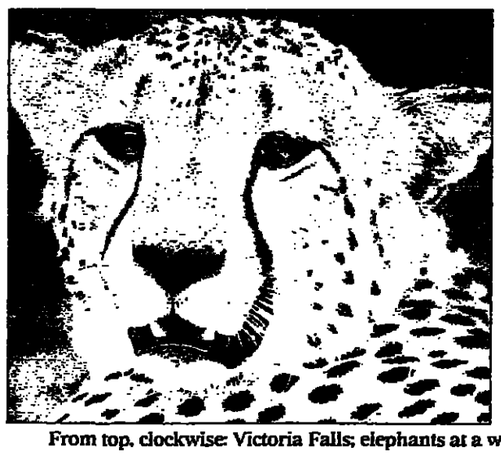
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From top, clockwise: Victoria Falls; elephants at a waterhole; Mara Safari Club in Kenya; and a cheetah

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TODAY'S QUESTIONS

A. *Of which African country was Idi Amin dictator?*

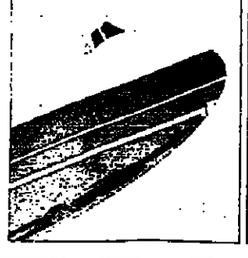
B. *What country's currency is abbreviated to RwFr?*

C. *What is the former name of Zimbabwe's capital city?*

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Forte returns to take up three-year sponsorship of the Arc

French to reduce whip penalties

By Julian Muscat

RECENT controversies surrounding use of the whip on British racetracks has militated against the stewards of French racing's regulatory body, the Societe d'Encouragement et des Steeple-Chases, adopting a similar policy in France. French officials are, in fact, taking the opposite course. Proposals aimed at reducing penalties for first-time whip offences from suspensions to fines are to be discussed shortly.

Problems over use of the whip, the stewards maintain, are virtually non-existent.

"The stewards have considered the policy of the Jockey Club in England since the new whip instruction was introduced [in July], and their first reaction is that it is perhaps a little too complicated," Louis Romanet, director of international relations for French racing's governing body, GIE Galop, said yesterday. "As you are seeing in England now, there could be many differences of opinion."

Romanet acknowledged the sensitive nature of the British public on the whip issue and said French stewards would have taken a lengthy look at whip-related incidents had they had similar complaints to those received by the Jockey Club. "The business of the whip has a very low profile in France. We are taking a closer look at it but there are few examples when a jockey's use of the whip attracts the attention of the stewards." The thinking behind fines for first-time whip offenders is to encourage racecourse stewards in France, who operate under a similar format to their counterparts in Britain, to look more closely into misuse or excessive use of the whip.

Romanet was in London to promote a three-year sponsorship of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe by Forte, the hotel and catering company which supported the race for a six-year period from 1982. In addition to its own promotions and hospitality, Forte is to invest £150,000 annually towards prize-money for the championship event, run over 12 furlongs at Longchamp in October. The company has also secured an option to extend its backing when the contract expires in 1996.

In the intervening six years of Forte's sponsorship, Ciga, the Aga Khan's financially troubled hotel group for which Forte recently launched a bid, supported not just the Arc de Triomphe but the entire weekend's racing. Ciga's involvement enabled the Arc weekend to develop into a festival embracing ten group races, including five of group one standard. Romanet emphasised the quality of racing would not be diluted.

The deal with Forte allows the Societe d'Encouragement, which runs Longchamp, to press ahead with attracting sponsors for the remainder of the programme. Romanet said £100,000 would secure the supporting Sunday card for the Arc. Saturday's seven races would cost £150,000.

The price of Forte's involvement is only marginally greater than the £146,000 it paid in 1987, and reflects not just recessionary times in Europe but the changing nature of sports sponsorship in general. "Having one's name mentioned and feeling good about an event is not enough any more," explained Forte's communications director, Richard Power. "The race is not only one of the world's top sporting events, it is also one of Europe's leading social occasions."

To be screened live on Channel 4, the Arc is televised in 14 countries and generates an audience of more than 37 million. Forte's 852 hotels and 750 restaurants are spread between 37 countries; the race will be the focus of the company's promotional adverts for the next three years.

Prize-money for the 1994 Arc is to be announced early in February, although a review of the costs of entry may precipitate a slight reduction in values. Details will be finalised at the end of this month, when contributions from all sponsors of French group races can be calculated.

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Romanet acknowledges the sensitive nature of the whip issue in Britain

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SUPREME MASTER (1.30 Kempton Park)

Next best: The Glow (3.30 Kempton Park)

Sunday venues decided

HAYDOCK Park and Uttoxeter were yesterday announced as the two courses to stage Sunday race meetings this year. They won the vote from the British Horseracing Board (BHB) ahead of five other courses.

Haydock will stage a Flat meeting on August 7, while Uttoxeter will put on a jumping card on October 23. The fixtures are designed to increase pressure on the Government to change the Sunday laws, which at present prohibit on and off-course cash betting. Both Haydock and Uttoxeter are able to accommodate the numbers which the campaigners hope will attend the meetings.

Nigel Clark, chairman of the BHB's Sunday Racing Campaign, said: "The three experimental meetings have been very successful and generated an excellent public response. I am confident that these two further Sunday fixtures will again provide clear evidence of the demand for Sunday racing and of the need for reform of the betting laws."

Doncaster was the first British course to stage a Sunday meeting in July, 1992, and was followed by Cheltenham and Lingfield.

Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the BHB, said: "Sunday racing is not only one of BHB's priority political objectives, but an integral part of its desire to respond to the needs of racing's customers and provide racing oppportunities in prime leisure time."

David McAllister, clerk of the course at Uttoxeter, said: "We were always hopeful of staging a Sunday meeting and this is very pleasing. Our customer base is enormous and we are confident there will be a big crowd.

"We hope to stage seven races ending with a charity celebrity race. This course has great potential and we hope that when we do get real Sunday racing we will be in the forefront."

Haydock's clerk of the course, Philip Arkwright, said: "It's not totally unexpected to me that we've won the right to stage a Sunday meeting. The Haydock crowd tends to be a betting crowd, but I've no doubt things will work out on the day."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ayr

Going: soft

1.25 (2m hdle) 1, ASLAN (M Dwyer, 5-2); 2, Five To Seven (D Wilkinson, 5-1); 3, Talos (L Wyer, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Chief Minister, 9-2 Legion Of Honour (5th), 12 Street Lady, 20 Rebel King (4th), Stoney Brook, 25 Cleevaun (6th), Mont Mirail, 33 German Legend, 50 Floater, 100 Elvett Bridge, Weaver George, 200 Emerald Sea, Tauvalera, 500 Fine Oak. 17 ran. 3l, 20l, ¾l, 3l, 7l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £2.70, £4.00. DF: £11.60. CSF: £16.22.

1.55 (2m ch) 1, POLITICAL TOWER (A Dobbin, 6-2); 2, Zarbano (A Merrigan, 14-1); 3, Preobiskensky (N Doughty, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Celtic Song, 10 Caithness Prince (6th), 14 Semikoff, 20 Macconachie (ur), Vestal Hills, 25 Be Ambitious (5th), 33 Grey Rambler (4th), 66 Ayia Napa (pu), Boutagus (pu), Pit Pony (f). 13 ran. 15l, 2l, ¾l, 15l, 1l. M Barnes at Penrith. Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £24.60. Trio: £24.80. CSF: £35.94. Tricast: £83.51.

2.25 (3m 1f ch) 1, EBRO (A Dobbin, 20-1); 2, Forth And Tay (P Williams, 7-4 fav); 3, Mow Creek (Mr J Bradburne, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Carousel Calypso (ur), Classic Minstrel (pu), 5 Scottish Gold (pu), 14 Buckle It Up (4th), 50 Dastardly Dale (pu), 66 Sandedge (5th). 9 ran. NR: Travel Bound. ¾l, 15l, 7l, 2l. V Thompson at Alnwick. Tote: £9.60; £1.20, £1.60, £23.70. DF: £11.80. CSF: £47.85.

2.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, COQUI LANE (P Niven, 3-1); 2, Loch Scavaig (D J Moffatt, 7-2); 3, The Whirlie Weevil (N Doughty, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Travelling Light (6th), 8 Corston Rambo (4th), 14 Caithness Cloud, Strong Deel (pu), 33 Grand As Owl (pu), Stop The Waller (5th), 50 The Pipe Fitter, 66 Marks Refrain, 100 Gilmanscleuch (pu), Woodstock Lodge (pu), 200 Lomond Springs (pu), Manor Court. 15 ran. 1¼l, 10l, 15l, 1l, 1¾l. G Dun at Heriot. Tote: £3.10; £1.80, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £7.50. CSF: £13.19.

3.25 (2m 4f ch) 1, FUNNY OLD GAME (A Thornton, 9-2); 2, Deep Decision (M Dwyer, 5-1); 3, Deep Dawn (C Grant, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Monaughty Man (pu), 5 On The Hooch (4th). 5 ran. 1l, 25l, 15l. D McCune at Bishopton. Tote: £5.70; £2.50, £2.30. DF: £12.80. CSF: £21.52.

3.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, GREY POWER (P Niven, 6-4 fav: Richard Evans's nap & Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Ambleside Harvest (M Dwyer, 10-1); 3, Reve De Valse (P Waggott, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 It's The Pits (f), 10 Belton, Sweet City (4th), 16 Celtic Breeze (5th), Kushbaloo, 25 The Demon Barber (pu), 33 Forward Glen, Logical Fun, 50 Golden Reverie (6th), Kr. 13 ran. 3l, 10l, 1l, 5l, 1l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £2.30; £1.70, £3.00, £5.30. DF: £59.40. Trio: £74.60. CSF: £18.11. Tricast: £104.32.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,172.25 carried forward to Kempton Park today).

Placepot: £44.80.

Lingfield Park

Going: heavy (turf), standard (AW)

1.10 (2m hdle) 1, MILZIG (D O'Sullivan, 13-8 fav); 2, Monty Royale (N Wilkinson, 7-1); 3, Mill Burn (R Campbell, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Lyford Cay, 9 Gilt Dimension (5th), 10 Barton Royal (4th), 14 The Grey Texan (pu), 25 Catch Bang Wallop (pu), Wotaweek (pu), 33 Red Leader, 50 Sunbeam Charlie, Water Diviner (6th). 12 ran. NR: Heretical Miss, Mistress Minx. 4l, 1½l, 15l, ½l, 12l. R O'Sullivan at Bognor Regis. Tote: £2.90; £1.20, £1.90, £2.40. DF: £21.10. CSF: £13.89.

1.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, SPARKLER GEBE (D O'Sullivan, 11-10 fav); 2, Crabby Bill (A Maguire, 7-4); 3, Frosty Reception (L Harvey, 16-2). ALSO RAN: 12 Pearly White (4th), 16 Temporale (5th), 20 Dauphin Bleu, Long's Express (6th), Mutual Benefit, 33 Solent Lad. 9 ran. 3½l, 6l, 30l, 1l, 1l. R O'Sullivan at Bognor Regis. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.78.

2.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, TEL E THON (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav); 2, Authorship (C Murphy, 9-4); 3, Radar Knight (L O'Hara, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Moving Out (4th), 25 L'Oranger (pu). 5 ran. 4l, 8l, 15l. P Jones at Marlborough. Tote: £2.90; £2.20, £1.60. DF: £5.60. CSF: £5.60.

2.40 (3m ch) 1, GENERAL BRANDY (D Murphy, 25-1); 2, Lobric (A Maguire, 13-2); 3, Gallant Effort (M A Fitzgerald, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Star Actor (pu), 5 Irish Bay (f), 9 Frozen Drop (4th), 20 Four From The Edge (pu), 25 Miss Shere (pu), 50 Rose Harmony (pu). 9 ran. 8l, 25l, 15l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £34.30; £2.40, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £127.10. CSF: £152.27.

3.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, CORRARDER (Mr J Smyth-Osbourne, 2-1); 2, Whippers Delight (Mr [illegible] Charles-Jones, 5-4 fav); 3, Shamshom Al Arab (Miss V Haigh, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11 Proverbs Girl (4th), 16 Highland Flame (5th), Stylish Gent (6th), 33 Whatmorecanaskfor, 66 Bayford Prince. 9 ran. 5l, 15l, 6l, nk, 2½l. J Old at Wroughton. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £3.50. CSF: £4.78. Tricast: £10.77.

3.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SAAHIL ([illegible], 2-15 fav); 2, Celcius ([illegible], 6-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Dominant Force (pu). 3 ran. 15l. C Weedon at Chiddingfold. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.80. CSF: £1.79.

4.10 (2m hdle) 1, NOBLELY (R Dunwoody, [illegible] fav); 2, Rarfy's Dream (A Maguire, 4-1); 3, [illegible] (M Richards, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Royal Circus [illegible], 5 Victory Anthem (4th), 16 Sing The Blues [illegible], 33 [illegible]. [illegible] Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £2.40. DF: £4.50. CSF: £[illegible]. Placepot: £15.10.

[KEMPTON PARK]

THUNDERER

1.00 Scobie Boy. 1.30 Supreme Master. 2.00 Auction Law. 2.30 Castigliero. 3.00 Spree Cross. 3.30 Big Matt. 4.00 ARCTIC KINSMAN (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 AUCTION LAW.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.00 ASHFORD NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,574: 2m) (13 runners)

101 100-112 SCOBIE BOY 49 (D,G,S) (R Shaw) C Egerton 6-11-4 ... J Osborne ●
102 2P-112 SOUTHOLT 66 (D,F,G) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 6-11-4 ... R Dunwoody 97
103 24 BALLET ROYAL 36 (BF) (Park Farm Thoroughbreds) G Harwood 5-10-12 ... M Perrett 82
104 20/54-00 FLY GUARD 93 (Sir Eric Parker) D Barons 7-10-12 ... J Frost 71
105 3- HURRICANE RYAN 284 (J Ryan) M Bradstock 6-10-12 ... G Bradley –
106 030-40 JOKERS THREE 104 (P Mitchell) S Mellor 5-10-12 ... Chris Webb (7) –
107 0 LE BARON PERCHE 36 (Miss J King) C James 5-10-12 ... S McNeill –
108 6-005 MEDINAS SWAN SONG 18 (C Parry) R Hodges 6-10-12 ... N Williamson 71
109 2F WILKINS 18 (Lord Vestey) Miss H Knight 5-10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald 79
110 DOMITOR'S LASS (R Ledger) R Ledger 7-10-7 ... Mrs N Ledger –
111 P EMERALD WATERS 22 (Mrs J Green) N Waller 7-10-7 ... R Marley –
112 0 MISS PARKES 8 (P Clarke) P Clarke 5-10-7 ... I Lawrence –
113 UU01 ROXY RIVER 28 (D,S) (Mrs M Rimell) J Spearing 5-10-7 ... Mr M Rimell (7) 79

BETTING: 7-4 Scobie Boy, 3-1 Southolt, 5-1 Wilkins, 6-1 Ballet Royal, 12-1 Fly Guard, 16-1 Hurricane Ryan, Roxy River, 20-1 Jokers Three, 25-1 others.

1993: PEACEMAN 7-11-4 E Murphy (9-1) Mrs D Haine 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

SCOBIE BOY 3l 2nd of 9 to Top Spin in grade II novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, good). SOUTHOLT 12l 2nd of 17 to Morcell in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good to soft). BALLET ROYAL 9½l 4th of 15 to Relkeel in novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, heavy) with LE BARON PERCHE 31½l 8th. HURRICANE RYAN 8l 3rd of 16 to La Gloso in National Hunt Flat Race at Uttoxeter (2m, heavy). WILKINS 6l 2nd of 13 to Friendly Fellow in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good to soft), where ROXY RIVER unseated rider when holding every chance 2 out. ROXY RIVER beat Smart in Sable 2l in 12-runner novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: SCOBIE BOY

1.30 WALTON NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,784: 2m) (17 runners)

201 0452 DANGER BABY 20 (Mouse Racing) R Dickin 10-10 ... D Meredith (3) 75
202 386 DEMILUNE 43 (Mrs S Tainton) N Twiston-Davies 10-10 ... C Llewellyn 77
203 ERCKULE 122F (The Sman Partnership) N Gaselee 10-10 ... R Supple –
204 HALHAM TARN 170F (Lady Dundas) D Elsworth 10-10 ... P Holley –
205 IKHTIRAA 17F (J Monroe) P Mitchell 10-10 ... D Murphy –
206 P JUST YOU DARE 24 (Mrs D Thompson) M Pipe 10-10 ... R Dunwoody –
207 KIMBERLEY BOY 147F (Miss B Murphy) G Charles-Jones 10-10 ... B Powell –
208 40 KOA 52 (M Arnold) N Twiston-Davies 10-10 ... D Bridgwater 72
209 NUTTY BROWN 97F (J Joseph) P Hobbs 10-10 ... M Hourigan –
210 PRAIRIE GROVE 93F (Mrs M O'Kelly) J King 10-10 ... M A Fitzgerald –
211 SHAMSHADAL 197F (J Long) J Jenkins 10-10 ... A Maguire –
212 2U SUPREME MASTER 20 (BF) (H Hopgood) R Hannon 10-10 ... G Bradley ●
213 0 UPWARD SURGE 20 (Racing Club XCB) K Bailey 10-10 ... N Williamson –
214 CLEAR LOOK 113F (C & S Basher) Miss H Knight 10-5 ... J Osborne –
215 0 FORMAESTRE 13 (Mrs M Tidsell) G Humphrey 10-5 ... E Murphy –
216 PRINCESS TATEUM 78F (J Good) M Channon 10-5 ... Lorna Vincent –
217 6 WISHFUL PRINCESS 16 (C Mitchell) C Mitchell 10-5 ... S McNeill –

BETTING: 4-5 Supreme Master, 7-1 Koa, 8-1 Halham Tarn, 10-1 Demilune, Ikhtiraa, 12-1 Shamshadal, 16-1 Danger Baby, Upward Surge, 20-1 others.

1993: INDIAN QUEST 11-2 C Llewellyn (4-1) N Gaselee 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

DANGER BABY 1l 2nd of 8 to Shared Gold in novice handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m, soft). HALHAM TARN fair performer on Flat, winning 5-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start. JUST YOU DARE pulled up 3 out in 12-runner grade I Finale Hurdle won by Mysilv at Chepstow (2m 110yd, heavy). Smart 1m handicapper on Flat. SHAMSHADAL 1¾l 3rd of 7 to Balabac in maiden at Evry (1m 4f, good). SUPREME MASTER 5l 2nd of 14 to Admiral's Well in novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). UPWARD SURGE 50l 8th of 12 to Winter Forest in novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft) where SUPREME MASTER held every chance when unseating his rider at the last. CLEAR LOOK best recent effort on Flat when 3¾l 4th of 29 to Blowing in selling handicap at Newmarket (7f, good).
Selection: SUPREME MASTER

2.00 HANWORTH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,158: 3m) (12 runners)

301 P133PP- REPEAT THE DOSE 298 (F,G,S) (A Wates) T Etherington 9-12-0 ... J McCarthy 92
302 1047P/4- ON THE TWIST 371 (D,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 12-11-4 ... P Murphy 80
303 321113 SANDYBRAES 50 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Catherwood) D Nicholson 9-10-13 ... W Marston 93
304 P2P-541 AUCTION LAW 8 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Gatins) D Barons 10-10-12 (4ex) ... R Davis ●
305 40-532P ANNIO CHILONE 20 (D,G,S) (Miss J Semple) J Gifford 8-10-11 ... P Hide 93
306 3/5F-003 LYPHENTO 20 (F,G,S) (Pall-mall Partners) J Gifford 10-10-8 ... J J Brown –
307 P53-111 MAN OF MYSTERY 31 (G,S) (PC/F Bloodstock) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-7 ... T Jenks 88
308 P12-014 HIGH PADRE 62 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Murdoch) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-6 ... G Tormey 94
309 10/FP-15 LOCH BLUE 45 (D,BF,G,S) (S Dow) S Dow 12-10-1 ... A Dicken 90
310 1/214-0U GLOVE PUPPET 37 (D,G) (Glove Puppet Partnership) G Balding 9-10-0 ... S Fox 81
311 4114-02 CATCHAPENNY 31 (B,G,S) (C Cottage) M Wilkinson 9-10-0 ... P Ward 86
312 U231/P/ COMPLETE OPTIMIST 778 (F,S) (B Lewis) R Lee 10-10-0 ... Guy Lewis –

Long handicap: Glove Puppet 9-10, Catchapenny 9-9, Complete Optimist 9-8.

BETTING: 3-1 Auction Law, 7-2 Man Of Mystery, 4-1 Sandybraes, 5-1 High Padre, 11-2 Catchapenny, 10-1 Loch Blue, 14-1 Annio Chilone, Lyphento, Repeat The Dose, 16-1 others.

1993: CACHE FLEUR 7-12-0 M Foster (11-2) M Pipe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

REPEAT THE DOSE 29½l 3rd of 5 to Zeta's Lad in conditions chase at Windsor (3m, soft). SANDYBRAES 13l 3rd of 9 to Touching Star in handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good). AUCTION LAW beat Master Oats ¾l in 14-runner handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft). ANNIO CHILONE 2½l 2nd of 5 to Catch The Cross in handicap chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, good to soft). MAN OF MYSTERY beat CATCHAPENNY (2lb better off) 2½l in 6-runner handicap chase at Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, heavy). HIGH PADRE beat Military Secret 5l in 6-runner handicap chase at Sedgefield (3m 3f, good to soft).
Selection: AUCTION LAW

2.30 ROYAL MAIL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,106: 3m 110yd) (15 runners)

401 132221 NEWTON POINT 42 (D,F,G) (PPS Racing Partnership) T George 5-12-0 ... T Jenks (5) 97
402 2/611F5 DARK HONEY 18 (D,BF,G,S) (R Sayer) S Dow 9-11-10 ... A Dicken (3) 93
403 14P/P0-P BOLDEN CELTIC 50 (G,S) (Mrs H Brown) Miss H Knight 10-11-9 ... J Osborne –
404 50111/3 CASTIGLIERO 65 (B,D,S) (J McCarthy) C Brooks 6-11-7 ... G Bradley 93
405 05213-0 MWEENISH 6 (G,S) (R Hall) J Webber 12-11-6 ... R Bellamy –
406 601F-41 KAYTAK 21 (V,F,G,S) (T Myles & Co (Contractors) Ltd) J Jenkins 7-11-4 ... D Murphy ●
407 4/00P4 ROSITARY 4 (B,D,F,S) (P Wadsworth) P Wadsworth 11-10-6 ... M Perrett –
408 00-3P13 LESBET 21 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs L Carlson) R Curtis 9-10-5 ... D Morris 96
409 1/1030- LING 235 (G,S) (J Needham) J Needham 9-10-5 ... R Beggan 95
410 1-410P3 FAR TOO LOUD 30 (F,G,S) (R Dennis) Mrs J Retter 7-10-5 ... M A Fitzgerald 98
411 2/P05/ PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS 641 (F,S) (L Hyman) M Pipe 10-10-3 ... R Dunwoody –
412 1P15-31 BRIGHTLING BOY 18 (F,G,S) (M Hayden) D Grissell 8-10-3 ... J Railton 93
413 0/34125 SPRING TO GLORY 50 (F,G) (A Byrne) P Hayward 7-10-3 ... A Maguire 93
414 64/4043 ACCESS SUN 37 (F,S) (Dajam Ltd) J King 7-10-0 ... N Williamson 93
415 36/P512 DERISBAY 22 (B,F,G,S) (Miss J Sell) J Bridger 6-10-0 ... D O'Sullivan 85

Long handicap: Access Sun 9-11, Derisbay 9-6.

BETTING: 4-1 Newton Point, 5-1 Castigliero, Kaytak, 8-1 Brightling Boy, 10-1 Dark Honey, 12-1 Far Too Loud, Rositary, 14-1 others.

1993: EARLY MAN 8-10-1 Peter Hobbs (7-1) D Grissell 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEWTON POINT beat Sillars Stalker 1l in 12-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 110yd, good) with DARK HONEY (9lb better off) in touch when fell two out. DARK HONEY completed double, beat Wick Pound 2l in 16-runner handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, good to soft). CASTIGLIERO 4½l 3rd of 5 to Peatswood in handicap hurdle here (2m 5f, good). Beat One More Knight a head in 24-runner handicap hurdle at Worcester (3m, good to soft) in March 1992 with PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS (9lb better off) distant 15th. KAYTAK beat Albertito 8l in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, heavy). LESBET beat Jefferby ½l in 15-runner handicap hurdle at Nottingham (3m 4f, good to soft). BRIGHTLING BOY beat Chief Celt 2½l in 13-runner handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m 6f 110yd, soft). SPRING TO GLORY beat Nick The Dreamer ½l in 15-runner handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110yd, good).
Selection: KAYTAK

3.00 EASTER HERO HANDICAP CHASE (£3,590: 2m) (8 runners)

501 31-1321 TRIMLOUGH 35 (D,F,G,S) (R Perkins) P Dalton 9-12-0 ... W Marston 96
502 1/P13/ AMBASSADOR 716 (B,D,F,S) (L Hyman) M Pipe 11-11-8 ... R Dunwoody –
503 4F2231 SPREE CROSS 21 (D,G,S) (P Mason) Mrs D Haine 8-11-7 ... D Murphy ●
504 214P63 ATLAAL 21 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Donnelly) J Jenkins 9-11-7 ... J Osborne 94
505 B21115- BROUGHTON MANOR 329 (CD,F,G,S) (W Cook) Mrs J Retter 9-11-6 ... M A Fitzgerald 84
506 22364P EMSEE-H 8 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 9-11-6 ... P Murphy (7) 93
507 124-35P NORTHERN JINKS 21 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs E Smith) R Dickin 11-11-1 ... D Meredith (3) 96
508 P611-44 BRIGGS BUILDERS 45 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs N Jones) R Rowe 10-10-8 ... N Williamson 82

BETTING: 9-4 Spree Cross, 3-1 Trimlough, 4-1 Ambassador, 8-1 Broughton Manor, 10-1 others.

1993: BROUGHTON MANOR 8-10-7 M A Fitzgerald (9-4) Mrs J Retter 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRIMLOUGH beat One For The Pot 6l in 4-runner handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m, heavy). AMBASSADOR beat Rooyan 2l in 13-runner novice chase at Folkestone (2m, good to soft) in January 1992. Last ran in February 1992. SPREE CROSS beat Good For A Laugh unchallenged 20l in 7-runner handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, heavy) with ATLAAL (7lb better off) 5l 3rd and NORTHERN JINKS (9lb better off) behind when pulled up before the last. BROUGHTON MANOR completed treble, beat Smarbe Express 1½l in 6-runner handicap chase at Wincanton (2m, soft) in January.
Selection: TRIMLOUGH

3.30 SUNBURY NOVICES CHASE (£3,915: 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners)

601 F-02131 BIG MATT 21 (G,S) (R Shaw) N Henderson 6-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald 92
602 0F2-11F JUMBEAU 38 (D,BF,G) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 9-11-10 ... P Hide (3) 84
603 2313U1 THE GLOW 18 (G,S) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 6-11-10 ... P Holley ●
604 50/P0-3F COTTAGE WALK 87 (Lord Chelsea) D Barons 7-11-4 ... J Frost –
605 P CROPREDY LAD 44 (P Oldfield) J Webber 7-11-4 ... R Bellamy –
606 5/000-02 LOCAL MANOR 16 (Mrs C Harrington) D Sherwood 7-11-4 ... J Osborne 68

BETTING: 6-4 The Glow, 5-2 Big Matt, 3-1 Jumbeau, 5-1 Local Manor, 14-1 Cottage Walk, 50-1 Cropredy Lad.

1993: COGENT 9-11-11 S McNeill (4-9 fav) A Turnell 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIG MATT beat Front Street 1½l in 6-runner novice chase at Newbury (2m 1f, heavy). JUMBEAU in lead when fell last at Folkestone (2m 5f, good to soft). Previously completed double, beat Squires Privilege 10l in 7-runner novice chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good). THE GLOW beat Vavasir 7l in 7-runner novice chase at Windsor (2m 5f, soft). Earlier 1½l 3rd of 5 to Crystal Spirit in novice chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good). LOCAL MANOR 5l 2nd of 7 to Ramstar in novice handicap chase at Leicester (2m 1f, soft).
Selection: THE GLOW

4.00 ASHFORD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,574: 2m) (12 runners)

1 164-16 ARCTIC KINSMAN 49 (BF,G,S) (Mrs R Hambro) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-4 ... C Llewellyn 95
2 1-F1 FINE THYNE 34 (D,F,S) (P Wiegand) G Harwood 5-11-4 ... M Perrett ●
3 040-311 SUPER COIN 48 (D,F,S) (G Brookes) R Lee 6-11-4 ... A Maguire 98
4 CAP DIAMANT 937F (Mrs W Jenkins) J Jenkins 5-10-12 ... W Walsh (7) –
5 0 CAPTAIN BERT 49 (D Andrews) B De Haan 5-10-12 ... N Williamson –
6 0/3006-2 CAWARRA BOY 30 (Mrs M Holden) C James 6-10-12 ... Mr E James (7) 89
7 04F0/4- COPPER CABLE 429 (Lady Scott) C Smith 7-10-12 ... M Ranger 75
8 6-622 KINGS CHARIOT 18 Lady Eliza Mays-Smith 7-10-12 ... J McCarthy (5) ●
9 53/ PORT SUNLIGHT 18F (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 6-10-12 ... S McNeill –
10 F ROSENKO 23 (Miss B Murphy) G Charles-Jones 5-10-12 ... D Bridgwater –
11 0/303/4/ TREGURTHA 627 (W Williams Turl Accountants Ltd) D Barnes 8-10-12 ... R Davis (3) –
12 ANLACE 131F (The Felix Bowness Partnership) S Mellor 5-10-7 ... Chris Webb (7) –

BETTING: 9-4 Arctic Kinsman, 11-4 Fine Thyne, 4-1 Super Coin, 7-1 Kings Chariot, 10-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

ARCTIC KINSMAN easily beat Gales Cavalier 4l in 12-runner novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good) on penultimate start. FINE THYNE beat Channy House 10l in 19-runner novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). SUPER COIN completed double, beat Dominant Force 6l in 11-runner novice handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to soft). CAWARRA BOY 12l 2nd of 17 to Komvekta King in novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, soft). KINGS CHARIOT head 2nd of 14 to Arfer Mole in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). PORT SUNLIGHT useful 1m 2f handicapper on the Flat. Finished 4l 3rd of 17 to Amigos in novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, good) in December 1991. ANLACE 7l juvenile maiden winner in 1991.
Selection: ARCTIC KINSMAN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Channon	3	5	60.0	W Marston	3	5	60.0
Jimmy Fitzgerald	4	10	40.0	E Murphy	5	12	41.7
K Bailey	8	29	27.6	M A Fitzgerald	5	16	31.3
N Henderson	15	56	26.8	D O'Sullivan	3	10	30.0
Miss H Knight	6	23	26.1	R Dunwoody	21	88	23.9
D Nicholson	10	42	23.8	J Osborne	17	93	18.3

CATTERICK

THUNDERER

12.50 High Penhowe. 1.20 Supposin. 1.50 Bildeston. 2.20 Rather Sharp. 2.50 Fret. 3.20 Barkisland. 3.50 Shahgram.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

12.50 E.B.F. NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: Div I: £2,364: 2m 3f) (11 runners)

1 -412 MAJOR BELL 18 (F) A Whillans 6-11-5 ... M Moloney ●
2 0/ ARTHUR BEE 647 B Bousfield 7-11-0 ... N Leach (5) –
3 2-PP CASTLEFERGUS 18 G Moore 7-11-0 ... J Callaghan –
4 00 DERWENT LAD 12 M Barnes 5-11-0 ... A Dobbin –
5 00 GOLDEN RECORD 41 J Curtis 6-11-0 ... L O'Hara –
6 336 ORD GALLERY 46 T Dyer 5-11-0 ... A Linton (7) 83
7 0/F ZIN ZAN 35 J Johnson 6-11-0 ... G Upton –
8 00 GAY'S GAMBIT 21 M W Easterby 5-10-9 ... J Driscoll (7) –
9 -625 HIGH PENHOWE 105 Mrs V Aconley 6-10-9 ... D Byrne 91
10 -5P0 INDIAN ORCHID 8 Mrs M Reveley 7-10-9 ... J Lonergan (7) –
11 -440 MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 66 R Tate 6-10-9 ... Mrs F Needham –

11-10 Major Bell, 5-1 Zin Zan, 6-1 High Penhowe, Indian Orchid, 8-1 Mischievous Girl, 9-1 Ord Gallery, 12-1 Gay's Gambit, 16-1 Castlefergus, 20-1 others.

1.20 STAYERS NOVICES CHASE (£2,734: 3m 1f 110yd) (15)

1 3355 EBORNEEZER'S DREAM 21 Mrs S Lamyman 11-11-5 ... D Telfer 76
2 /PF GRAAL LEGEND 9 P Cheesbrough 9-11-5 ... P Niven –
3 -13P GREENFIELD MANOR 32 (BF) N Chamberlain 7-11-5 ... A Merrigan 90
4 4-55 HUDSON BAY TRADER 79 (G,S) P Beaumont 7-11-5 ... Mrs A Farrell –
5 PF/ MERRYDALE FARM 751 M Meagher 9-11-5 ... C Grant –
6 -6F2 PADDY MORRISSEY 9 J Haldane 7-11-5 ... A Dobbin 87
7 P0/ STRONG CHANCE 804 J Charlton 8-11-5 ... J Callaghan –
8 4823 SUPPOSIN 25 Mrs S Smith 6-11-5 ... Richard Guest ●
9 00P0 THE LORRYMAN 14 W Reed 6-11-5 ... T Reed –
10 F0-3 WESTWELL BOY 42 (G) P Beaumont 8-11-5 ... C Hawkins 88
11 2-P3 WISHING GATE 32 (BF,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-5 ... M Dwyer –
12 52F- CALMATA 230 Lady A Bowlby 13-11-0 ... C Dennis 76
13 2442 CHARLOTTE'S EMMA 22 (BF,F,G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-0 ... B Storey 90
14 0-UU DUCHESS OF TUBBER 22 R Fisher 6-11-0 ... A Thornton (3) –
15 40-R SOLO BUCK 25 Mrs V Aconley 8-11-0 ... G McCourt –

3-1 Hudson Bay Trader, 7-2 Wishing Gate, 9-2 Charlotte's Emma, 5-1 Supposin, 6-1 Paddy Morrissey, Westwell Boy, 10-1 Merrydale Farm, 14-1 Eborneezer's Dream, 20-1 Solo Buck, 25-1 Greenfield Manor, 33-1 others.

1.50 E.B.F. NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: Div II: £2,343: 2m 3f) (10)

1 P/0 ARTIC MISSILE 39 M Barraclough 7-11-0 ... Ann Stokell –
2 00P BALLYROVERS 8 M W Easterby 5-11-0 ... G McCourt 87
3 033- BILDESTON 309 K Morgan 6-11-0 ... A S Smith ●
4 0 BISHOPS CASTLE 14 T Carr 6-11-0 ... M Dwyer –
5 P-50 DON'T TELL JUDY 9 J Haldane 6-11-0 ... L Wyer ●
6 GINETRICK M Dods 5-11-0 ... T Reed –
7 -P0P MAGENTA BOY 21 G Moore 6-11-0 ... N Bentley (3) –
8 4324 ROSEBERRY TOPPING 51 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0 ... P Niven 81
9 00P SOUNDS GOLDEN 8 M Avison 6-11-0 ... R Garritty –
10 406P TWIN STATES 63 J Turner 5-11-0 ... W Fry (7) 89

6-4 Roseberry Topping, 3-1 Twin States, 4-1 Bildeston, 9-2 Don't Tell Judy, 14-1 Ballyrovers, 20-1 Magenta Boy, Sounds Golden, 25-1 others.

2.20 DINSDALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,296: 2m) (7)

1 2035 CLARE LAD 7 (B,BF,F,G,S) R Allan 11-11-10 ... S Melrose (7) 94
2 3833 CAPTAIN CUTE 16 D Garraton 9-11-6 ... K Davies (4) 93
3 5301 RATHER SHARP 23 (D,S) C Popham 8-11-6 ... R Farrant ●
4 3-44 KAMART 14 (D,F) M Barnes 6-11-5 ... A Dobbin 95
5 5P5P SINGING SAM 65 (D,G) W Cunningham 9-11-5 ... P Waggott 80
6 2255 PRESSURE GAME 14 (D,F) B Mactaggart 11-11-3 ... F Perratt 98
7 -00U BALLYBELL 7 J Gledson 9-10-0 ... P Williams –

7-4 Rather Sharp, 3-1 Clare Lad, 4-1 Pressure Game, 5-1 Kamart, 10-1 Captain Cute, 16-1 Singing Sam, 33-1 Ballybell.

2.50 MALTBY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,215: 2m) (20)

1 510 DIWALI DANCER 52 (D,S) A Bailey 11-5 ... N Mann 84
2 08 ALMAMZAR 48 N Tinkler 10-12 ... G McCourt 71
3 43 BEND SABLE 14 F Storey 10-12 ... B Storey 97
4 0 CIVIL LAW 23 Mrs V Aconley 10-12 ... P Niven –
5 0 FRET 23 G Moore 10-12 ... N Bentley (3) –
6 P FRIENDLY KNIGHT 23 J Haldane 10-12 ... A Dobbin –
7 34 HASTA LA VISTA 86 M W Easterby 10-12 ... R Garritty 82
8 3 HEART OF SPAIN 4F P Bevan 10-12 ... C Grant 84
9 LANCASTER PILOT 20F J Eyre 10-12 ... A Mulholland –
10 PANTHER 81F J Hetherton 10-12 ... P Harley –
11 PREMIER STAR 7F M Dods 10-12 ... T Reed –
12 P PUBLIC WAY 43 N Chamberlain 10-12 ... J Supple (5) –
13 P RED FAN 7F M Dods 10-12 ... A Merrigan –
14 0 SKY WISH 7F Mrs V Aconley 10-12 ... J Callaghan –
15 STAR RAGE 169F M W Easterby 10-12 ... J Driscoll (7) –
16 0 THATCHED 42 R Barr 10-12 ... N Smith –
17 2032 THE PREMIER EXPRES 43 W Bentley 10-12 ... M Dwyer 96
18 FANFOLD 149F J Bidett 10-7 ... E McKinley –
19 3 SHARKASHKA 8 M H Easterby 10-7 ... L Wyer ●
20 ZAJIRA 116F Mrs J Ramsden 10-7 ... Mr S Swiers –

4-1 Sharkashka, 9-2 Almamzar, 5-1 The Premier Expres, Zajira, 11-2 Fret, Heart of Spain, 10-1 Diwali Dancer, Bend Sable, Hasta La Vista, Civil Law, 25-1 others.

3.20 STOKESLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,820: 2m 3f) (9)

1 4-63 BAD TRADE 23 (G,S) D Alder 12-12-0 ... C Grant 96
2 F103 KANNDABIL 8 (B,G,S) N Tinkler 7-11-10 ... G McCourt 90
3 /F4 GREY MINSTREL 45 (G,S) Denys Smith 10-11-6 ... P Waggott (5) 84
4 5313 BARKISLAND 57 (G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-3 ... M Dwyer 92
5 P-00 TIM SOLDIER 18 (G,S) M Barraclough 7-11-2 ... R Garritty –
6 3-6U MILITARY HONOUR 8 (B,G,S) J Swiers 9-10-13 ... Mr S Swiers 89
7 -PP4 HICKELTON LAD 8 (F,G) D Williams 10-10-12 ... Mr G Hogan (7) 98
8 6200 MOSS BEE 7 (F) W Reed 7-10-12 ... T Reed 90
9 0-42 HIGHLY DECORATED 25 (G) Mrs S Smith 9-10-3 ... Richard Guest ●

11-4 Barkisland, 3-1 Kanndabil, 9-2 Bad Trade, 5-1 Highly Decorated, 6-1 Grey Minstrel, 10-1 Military Honour, 14-1 Moss Bee, 20-1 others.

3.50 LEYBURN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,902: 2m) (19)

1 F26- ALL GREEK TO ME 405 (D,G) J Parkes 6-12-0 ... F Leahy (7) 84
2 654- KILGARIFF 287 (G,S) R Fahey 8-11-13 ... P Harley 87
3 221- EUROTWIST 20F (CD,S) Mrs V Aconley 5-11-12 ... G McCourt 88
4 F-03 BRAMBLEBERRY 35 (D,S) Mrs S Smith 5-11-10 ... Richard Guest 89
5 6303 ALL WELCOME 18 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-9 ... P Niven 92
6 1252 MASTER OF TROY 22 (D,G,S) C Parker 6-11-9 ... Mr A Parker (7) 92
7 141F KALKO 44 (D,G,S) A Harrison 5-11-7 ... P Midgeley (5) 94
8 0310 COOL DUDE 46 (BF,CD,G,S) J Johnson 8-11-7 ... Miss P Jones (5) 92
9 3/0 CANDID LAD 8 (F) M Wane 7-11-6 ... C Dennis –
10 1/P HUSO 8 (D,F) P Haslam 6-11-5 ... S Taylor (7) –
11 60-U COSMIC RAY 14 (D,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 9-11-2 ... W McFarland 92
12 64-4 MISTIC GLEN 35 (F,S) J Parkes 5-11-1 ... A Dobbin 87
13 2-6P ASHDREN 15 (D,G) A Harrison 7-10-11 ... B Storey 88
14 5622 J P MORGAN 14 (V,D,G) M Naughton 6-10-11 ... T Reed 96
15 0060 WAKE UP 8 (CD,F,G,S) R O'Leary 7-10-11 ... L Wyer 98
16 -403 SHAHGRAM 52 P Beaumont 6-10-11 ... M Dwyer ●
17 F-00 EXPLORATION 51 (F) K Morgan 7-10-9 ... A S Smith 94
18 -300 ONE FOR LUCK 73 (F) J J O'Neill 6-10-8 ... L O'Hara 94
19 000R CAPTAIN TANCRED 9 (D,S) J Bettell 6-10-1 ... E McKinley 90

5-1 All Welcome, 6-1 Shahgram, 13-2 Brambleberry, J P Morgan, 8-1 Eurotwist, 9-1 Kalko, 10-1 Ashdren, Master Of Troy, Cool Dude, 12-1 One For Luck, 16-1 Huso, Cosmic Ray, 20-1 Wake Up, All Greek To Me, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Morgan, 5 winners from 16 runners, 31.3%. Mrs M Reveley, 20 from 77, 26.0%; N Tinkler, 7 from 29, 24.1%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 13 from 60, 21.7%; Mrs V Aconley, 5 from 25, 20.0%; G Moore, 8 from 52, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 17 winners from 59 rides, 28.8%; G McCourt, 7 from 33, 21.2%; P Niven, 13 from 63, 20.6%; D Byrne, 6 from 37, 16.2%; A Dobbin, 4 from 27, 14.8%; R Garritty, 8 from 60, 13.3%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.40 Tempering. 1.10 Themaam. 1.40 Northern Storm. 2.10 Speedy Classic. 2.40 Lady Broker. 3.10 No Submission. 3.40 El Nido.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.40 HALIBUT CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,243: 1m 3f) (9 runners)

1 GARLAND OF GOLD 11J M Chapman 5-9-9 ... V Smith 4
2 0-14 TEMPERING 14 (BF,CD,F,G) D Chapman 8-9-9 ... L Dettori 6
3 50-6 BOLD PURSUIT 14 (B,E,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-0 ... Paul Eddery 3
4 00-4 SAFE ARRIVAL 7 P Evans 6-8-12 ... A Clark 1
5 35-6 MR JAZZ DANCER 18 D Windle 4-8-10 ... M Wigham 2
6 203- NANCY 52J Mrs N Macauley 4-8-8 ... J Weaver 9
7 3-3 BETTY KENWOOD 20 F Wingrove 4-8-2 ... P McCabe (5) 7
8 0/0/ RIVER WAY 742 C Hill 6-8-0 ... J Quinn 5
9 005- COMTEC'S LEGEND 66 (F) J Bottomley 4-7-10 ... N Kennedy (3) 8

2-1 Tempering, 5-1 Comtec's Legend, 6-1 Betty Kenwood, Bold Pursuit, 8-1 Safe Arrival, 20-1 River Way, 33-1 Mr Jazz Dancer, Nancy, 50-1 Garland Of Gold.

1.10 CRAB HANDICAP (£3,236: 1m) (16)

1 00-3 SIRTELIMAR 7 (CD,G) R Spicer 5-9-12 ... E Guest 3
2 010- SARTIGILA 80 (D,S) M Hammond 5-9-10 ... J Marshall (5) 2
3 53-3 THEMAAM 4 (CD,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-10 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 6
4 000- BALLAD DANCER 97 (F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 9-9-9 ... T Williams 16
5 00-5 NELLIE'S GAMBLE 7 (CD,G,S) A Stringer 4-9-9 ... T Quinn 10
6 412- STOPROVERITATE 25J (CD,G,S) S Norton 5-9-9 ... J Tate (5) 4
7 -031 QUEENS CONSUL 7 (CD,G) B Rothwell 4-9-9 (6ex) ... Alex Greaves 14
8 04-1 POP TO STANS 10 (C,D,F,G) J Pearce 5-9-7 (6ex) ... M Wigham 5
9 /6-0 FLY TO THE END 7 J Norton 4-9-4 ... J Quinn 13
10 606/ DUBLIN INDEMNITY 374J (CD,G) A Potts 5-9-3 ... O Pears (3) 1
11 40-0 CLAUDIA MISS 18 (C,G,S) W Haigh 7-9-1 ... N Kennedy (3) 9
12 300- EAST BARNS 51 (B,CD,F,G) T Barron 6-8-12 ... L Dettori 7
13 5-06 BEATLE SONG 7 (CD,F,G) C Hill 6-8-11 ... S D Williams 11
14 F0/0 CHEQUERS 14 (D,G) M Blanshard 5-8-11 ... J Williams 6
15 00-6 JAMAICA BRIDGE 18 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-8 ... Paul Eddery 12
16 440- OLD COMRADES 133 (D,F,G) T Barron 7-8-7 ... J Fanning 15

4-1 Pop To Stans, 5-1 Themaam, 6-1 Sirtelimar, 8-1 Queens Consul, Stoproveritate, 10-1 Nellie's Gamble, 12-1 Jamaica Bridge, 14-1 others.

1.40 LOBSTER CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,054: 1m) (11)

1 DOTS CHOICE R Weaver 9-1 ... J Williams 4
2 050- ALPINE JOHNNY 24 R Hollinshead 8-11 ... S Perks 1
3 061- COLLECTOR GENERAL 36 (CD,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 8
4 0 CHANCEY FELLA 18 B Hanbury 8-7 ... P Bowe (7) 3
5 00-0 LUCIUS LOCKET 13 J Berry 8-7 ... T Quinn 9
6 0-5 KING OF THE HORSE 14 (V) D Loder 8-6 ... L Dettori 2
7 0-0 SIR DANNY 13 N Graham 8-5 ... J Weaver 5
8 20-2 BET A PLAN 10 (V,F) W Muir 8-2 ... Kim McDonnell 11
9 00- MONKEY BOY 140 M Wane 8-1 ... L Charnock 7
10 31-4 NORTHERN STORM 14 (B,CD,G) J Harris 8-1 ... J Quinn 6
11 40-0 CAPITAL LADY 14 B Rothwell 7-12 ... J Fanning 10

5-2 Collector General, 5-1 Bet A Plan, Northern Storm, 7-1 King Of The Horse, 10-1 Alpine Johnny, Capital Lady, Lucius Locket, Monkey Boy, 14-1 others.

2.10 SHARK HANDICAP (£3,287: 6f) (14)

1 61-2 PETRACO 13 (BF,D,G,S) N Smith 6-10-0 ... S D Williams 2
2 20-2 SUPERLATIVEMAXIMUS 20 (C,G) J Berry 6-9-10 ... G Bardwell 12
3 005- SHADOW JURY 25 (F,G,S) D Chapman 4-9-6 ... J Fanning 4
4 03-1 MOUJEEB 3 (V,D,G) Pat Mitchell 4-9-2 (7ex) ... L Dettori 3
5 204- BREEZE AWAY 21J (D,F) D Eddy 5-9-1 ... N Carlisle 5
6 -666 HERSHEBAR 4 (B,CD,G) S Bowring 4-9-0 ... J Weaver 13
7 600- HEATHYARDS GEM 81 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-0 ... S Perks 1
8 000- LINCSTONE BOY 205 (B,CD,F,G,S) W Barker 6-8-13 ... S Webster 7
9 00-0 GIRL NEXT DOOR 20 (CD,G) R Spicer 4-8-11 ... J O'Reilly 11
10 40-0 GENTLE HERO 11 (V,D,F,G,S) M Naughton 8-8-8 ... Paul Eddery 9
11 03-1 SPEEDY CLASSIC 20 (B,CD,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-7 ... Stephen Davies (3) 8
12 04-0 CHOICE LOT 11 (B,F) A Jones 7-7-9 ... J Quinn 6
13 331- SHOTLEY AGAIN 187 (S) N Bycroft 4-7-9 ... D Wright (5) 14
14 00-0 BITOUT THE MIDDLE 7 J Harris 5-7-7 ... T Williams 10

3-1 Moujeeb, 7-2 Speedy Classic, Superlativemaximus, 6-1 Petraco, Shadow Jury, 12-1 Shotley Again, 14-1 others.

2.40 OYSTER MAIDEN STAKES (£3,582: 7f) (16)

1 00-0 BARSAL 11 J Parkes 4-9-0 ... J Weaver 10
2 4/ BRAYOWSKI 455 J Fanshawe 4-9-0 ... T Quinn 1
3 0-63 DISTANT SPRING 7 J Harris 4-9-0 ... Paul Eddery 8
4 03-0 HARLOSH 7 J Wainwright 4-9-0 ... L Charnock 13
5 0-42 HAWAYMYSON 7 (BF) A Stringer 4-9-0 ... J Williams 14
6 0-63 HOY-LIEGH-RAG 11 J Berry 4-9-0 ... P Roberts (7) 16
7 000- KAWASIR 106 (B) P Haslam 4-9-0 ... J Quinn 11
8 00-0 OSCAR THE SECOND 7 C Fairhurst 4-9-0 ... J Fanning 7
9 04-5 RISKY VENTURE 10 W Jarvis 4-9-0 ... L Detton 15
10 0- VARELITO 183 (B) W O'Gorman 4-9-0 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 3
11 500- WATER SKIER 59 M Chapman 4-9-0 ... P McCabe (5) 6
12 450- DOMOVOY 109 D Nicholls 4-8-9 ... Alex Greaves 4
13 205- LADY BROKER 50 A Bailey 4-8-9 ... A Mackay 2
14 /0-0 ROSIE O'REILLY 14 E Alston 4-8-9 ... S Knott (7) 12
15 000- SWEETWATER MOON 35J Mrs A Swinbank 4-8-9 ... A Clark 8
16 200- WEE SARAH 83 T Barron 6-8-9 ... V Halliday (7) 5

4-1 Domovoy, 6-1 Risky Venture, Wee Sarah, 8-1 Brayowski, Hawaymyson, Hoy-Liegh-Rag, Lady Broker, 10-1 Distant Spring, 14-1 others.

3.10 HALIBUT CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,243: 1m 3f) (9)

1 0-11 NO SUBMISSION 7 (C,G,S) D Chapman 8-9-9 ... L Dettori 2
2 1-00 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 10 (C,G) K Wingrove 7-8-11 ... M Baird (7) 9
3 000- ROLY WALLACE 52J (V,F) A Forbes 5-8-11 ... S D Williams 4
4 000- ZONK 21 J Pearce 4-8-10 ... G Bardwell 7
5 6-06 TAKE IT IN CASH 7 R Dicken 5-8-9 ... Michelle Thomas (7) 8
6 60-4 TRANQUIL LADY 11 E Alston 4-8-8 ... J Quinn 1
7 00-2 BARLEY CAKE 14 (F) C Fairhurst 4-8-2 ... J Fanning 6
8 0-66 LADY CONFESS 10 (B) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-2 ... C Rutter 5
9 06-0 MARATHIA 14 S Woods 4-7-13 ... D Biggs 3

6-4 No Submission, 5-1 Barley Cake, Tranquil Lady, 10-1 Applianceofscience, Lady Confess, Marathia, 12-1 Take It In Cash, 16-1 Roly Wallace, 33-1 Zonk.

3.40 OCTOPUS HANDICAP (£3,080: 1m 4f) (15)

1 4-13 ROYAL CITIZEN 7 (V,CD,G) J Bottomley 5-9-12 ... L Dettori 15
2 12/0 LEMHILL 14 (D,F,G,S) N Waller 12-9-10 ... S Dawson 13
3 000- MAJAL 16J (F) J Wainwright 5-9-9 ... W Newnes 1
4 0-42 EL NIDO 7 (BF,B,F,G,S) M Camacho 6-9-8 ... L Charnock 3
5 000- IMPERIAL TOKAY 240 A Forbes 4-9-8 ... S D Williams 7
6 143- CRIMINAL RECORD 16J (V,CD,G) W Clay 4-9-7 ... T Wall 2
7 00-6 MODEST HOPE 7 (CD,F,G) B Richmond 7-9-3 ... Alex Greaves 14
8 04-4 ROUSITTO 7 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 6-9-0 ... A Garth (5) 11
9 34-6 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 14 (V,F) J Norton 6-8-10 ... J Weaver 10
10 000- SCHOOLGIRL CRUSH 94 Mrs S Williams 4-8-7 ... T Quinn 12
11 U-20 NOBLE MEASURE 4 (B) S Bowring 4-8-0 ... J Quinn 9
12 5-06 MASTER'S CROWN 7 (C,G) M Chapman 6-7-13 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 6
13 30-0 VICTOR ROMEO 14 (B,F) R Spicer 5-7-12 ... Stephen Davies (3) 8
14 000- HOTEL CALIFORNIA 36 (F) D Chapman 4-7-11 ... J Fanning 5
15 /06- ONE FOR TONDY 83 N Bycroft 4-7-9 ... D Wright (5) 4

5-2 El Nido, 3-1 Royal Citizen, 5-1 Rousitto, 6-1 Criminal Record, 8-1 Diamond Inthe Dark, 10-1 Noble Measure, 12-1 Master's Crown, 14-1 others.

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TRAINERS: D Loder, 7 winners from 21 runners, 33.3%. S Norton, 29 from 138, 21.0%; T Barron, 59 from 289, 20.4%; W O'Gorman, 40 from 205, 19.5%; R Spicer, 12 from 63, 19.0%; S Woods, 5 from 29, 17.2%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 17 winners from 73 rides, 23.3%. J Weaver, 10 from 45, 22.2%; D Biggs, 31 from 187, 16.6%; O Pears, 14 from 85, 16.5%; Emma O'Gorman, 33 from 211, 15.6%; V Halliday, 6 from 42, 14.3%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwell: 1.40 King Of The Horse. 2.40 Kawasir.

Dunwoody closes gap on Maguire

RICHARD Dunwoody continued his fine recent form with a double at Lingfield Park yesterday, cutting Adrian Maguire's lead at the head of the jockeys' championship to 27. As a result William Hill shortened Dunwoody to 5-4 from 13-8 to retain his title, with Maguire now 7-4 on.

Tel E Thon provided Dunwoody with his opening success, holding off the sustained challenge of Authorship by four lengths in the Friend In Need Handicap Hurdle. Noblely completed a near 7-1 double for Dunwoody when beating the Maguire-ridden Rarfy's Dream by 3½ lengths in the Caveat Emptor Handicap Hurdle.

Noblely's trainer, Nick Walker, at 25 the youngest handler with a full licence, said: "He will have one more run on the all-weather and then a rest. After that he'll go back to the grass when the going firms up."

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Swedish successes send supporters into rhapsodies of delight

Wilander recalls former glories

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

THE Swedish supporters had never known a day like it at the Australian Open. Visually and audibly the most obtrusive group of followers at Flinders Park, they roamed around the picturesque complex yesterday looking out for their male idols. Most of the time, they did not know which way to turn.

Two of their compatriots — Magnus Gustafsson, the tenth seed, and Nicklas Kulti — had already secured a place in the last 32. No fewer than eight others were attempting to join them.

Although the Swedes lost three of their number, they have never had as many as seven survivors here. The patriotic well-wishers, daubed in the national colours of yellow and blue, appeared as though they had been dipped head first in a vat full of custard and grapes. They revelled in paying homage. One recipient of their adoration could recall even headier personal memories. Mats Wilander, when he treated the game seriously, won the Australian title three times. Now, given a wild card and playing largely for fun, he should reach at least the last 16 because the draw has been conveniently compassionate.

His reward for beating Olivier Delaitre, a Frenchman more than 200 places higher than him in the world rankings, should have been an assignation with an even better Frenchman. But Arnaud Boetsch, *the sixteenth seed*, has sinusitis and had to forfeit his match against Alexander Mronz, of Germany.

After a self-imposed break of two years, Wilander has returned to a game which he senses is appreciably quicker. "I have *to think* a little faster," he said, "or stop thinking, which ever way you want to put it." Planning a point has given way to playing it by instinct.

When told that the tennis is consequently not as appealing a spectacle, he added laconically: "It is not too good to play either." Although he does not share the fear that the game will be increasingly monopolised by big-hitting giants, he agrees that players such as Miroslav Mecir may, sadly, never be seen again.

Stefan Edberg, twice the former champion and another Swede to advance, supported that view, saying that players were fitter and hitting harder. "It is nothing to do with technological progress. Pete Sampras and I are using rackets that are ten years old."

The other Swedes to go through yesterday are too young to own comparatively antique equipment. Henrik Holm, Lars Jonsson and Jonas Svensson are unlikely, though, to carry the flag much further. They all meet seeds in the next round.

Gabriela Sabatini almost did not make it that far. She has not won a tournament for two years and, after the sliding roof had been used for the first time to protect the centre court from the rain, it seemed as though she had forgotten how to win even a match.

Leading 5-1 in the final set against Natalia Medvedeva, she let slip five match points as well as the next four games before belatedly recovering *her poise to complete a bizarre* and unpredictable contest. It included 16 service breaks.

Tracy Austin, who lost 6-1, 5-7, 6-2 to Sabine Hack to end her interest in her first grand slam tournament for over a decade, insisted afterwards: "I'm very serious about my comeback. I definitely want a full schedule this year."

Jane Taylor qualifies as the most remarkable competitor in the women's last 32. Last March the 21-year-old Australian was diagnosed as suffering from viral meningitis and told that she might never be able to play again.

She was ordered to rest for six months and still occasionally feels nauseous and has debilitating migraine attacks, once a week. She is neither supported by a sponsor nor handled by an agent but perseveres because, "I was given a racket when I was five years old and I haven't been off court since."

Contrastingly, Pat Cash, 28, the Wimbledon champion in 1987, must wait for three *months before knowing* whether he can play at the top level again. He has undergone back surgery after aggravating a herniated disc injury, which first afflicted him nine years ago. Henri Leconte recovered from a similar operation.

RESULTS

MEN: Second round: S Edberg (Swe) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1; A Volkov (Russ) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 7-6, 6-3, 6-3, M Wilander (Swe) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-1, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; L Jonsson (Swe) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor) 7-6, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3; F Santoro (Fr) bt R Gilbert (Fr) 7-5, 5-7, 2-6, 7-5, 6-0; K Novacek (Cz) bt L Wahlgren (Swe) 6-4, 7-6, 7-6, P Rafter (Aus) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; J Svensson (Swe) bt S Pescosolido (It) 6-2, 7-5, 7-5; A Mronz w/o A Boetsch (Fr) scr; T Muster (Austria) bt K Carlsen (Den) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; G Raoux (Fr) bt P Kunnen (Ger) 6-2, 7-5, 6-4; H Holm (Swe) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-4, 7-6, 5-7, 4-6, 7-5; T Martin (US) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 6-4, 6-3, 6-0, X Daufresne (Bel) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 6-3, 6-2, 7-6; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt J Morgan (Aus) 7-5, 1-0 (rtd); M Washington (US) leads A Cherkasov (Russ) 6-4, 2-6, 5-2 (rain stopped play).

WOMEN: Second round: R Tedjuksuma (Indo) bt P Tarabini (Arg) 6-2, 7-6, J Taylor (Aus) bt C Singer (Ger) 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; B Reinstadler (Austria) bt N Dahlman (Fin) 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt S Wang (Taipei) 6-2, 6-4; A Grossman (US) bt T Ignatieva (Belarus) 6-1, 6-0; L Ferrando (It) bt T Whitlinger (US) 6-4, 6-1; E Zardo (Switz) bt Y Basuki (Indo) 6-2, 7-6, S Appelmans (Bel) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-2, 6-3; M Pierce (Fr) bt L Harvey-Wild (US) 6-7, 7-5, 6-3; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt C Cristea (Rom) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, S Hack (Ger) bt T Austin (US) 6-1, 5-7, 6-2; J Novotna (Cz) bt H Kelesi (Can) 6-3, 6-1, E Likhovtseva (Kazak) bt A Smashnova (Isr) 2-6, 6-2, 6-1; G Fernandez (US) bt Y Kamio (Japan) 6-3, 6-2, M Maleeva (Bul) leads N Sawamatsu (Japan) 6-2, 1-1 (rain stopped play), G Sabatini (Arg) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr) 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

STEVE HOLLAND



Hack, of Germany, had to work for victory against Austin, of the United States, who went down in three sets

Olympic dream within grasp as Torvill and Dean surge on



David Miller sees a performance of unity to set Britain's perfect partners apart from their rivals

If we allow that dance can be sport, an ambition to achieve the most exceptional comeback in the history of the Olympic Games still burns with the colour and intensity of magnesium.

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean moved into the lead in the ice dance section of the European figure skating championship here in Copenhagen yesterday with their flawless original dance programme, a rumba, that left even their admirers short of description. A class apart ten years ago, they remain so today; though they must prove their point again today in the free dance and then at the Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

How do we say it, moderately, about them all over again? As a partnership, it is as remarkable, in mutual understanding, as Pinsent and Redgrave or Edwards and John. We watch them and we marvel at the supernatural level of athletic synchronisation.

If the physical element, the product of months and years of training, is more about refinement than power, the aspect of interpretation — which arguably is where they depart from sport — lifts them beyond anything we have seen other than Rogers and Astaire or Fonteyn and Nureyev, with whom they have been not exaggeratedly compared.

> 'Torvill and Dean were a picture of total mastery'

Where they remain solidly within a sporting ambiance is in balance and discipline. Their performance yesterday was apart from everybody else because there was not one moment of visible muscular stress. This alone is exceptional in their mid-thirties. So fluid and frictionless is their motion that it is as though they are no longer in touch with the ice, and have become an animated Disney creation, riding Aladdin's carpet.

They transcended their rivals yesterday because they are not just impeccable technicians but have become, over ten years of professional entertainment, even more accomplished actors than in the old days of *Bolero*. "We were in love for the two minutes we were dancing," Torvill said afterwards in that friendly but matter-of-fact way she no doubt used to talk to customers when still a building society clerk.

Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeny Platov, the No 2 Russian couple with whom Torvill and Dean had shared second place following the compulsory programme, in my view skated more appealingly yesterday than their supposed superiors, Maya Usova and Alexandre Zhulin, the first-day leaders. Gritschuk and Platov, she in vivid magenta, were respectively pliant and lithe, she entwined around him like ivy; but they were less accomplished technically, being unsynchronised in their last sequence.

The marks for composition reflected this, with only three 5.8s, though they had three 5.9s for presentation. Arbitrary judging will always remain an imponderable, but it was hard now to understand the four 5.8s and one 5.9 for composition and the six 5.8s and three 5.9s for presentation by Usova and Zhulin, who were flamboyant only from the waist up.

Skating is about legs and feet more than head and arms. But Torvill and Dean were a picture of total mastery. Their three 5.9s for composition were reward for the seemingly computerised harmony; two skates, two legs move in turn as though one, identical in lift, timing, angle.

As Torvill observed, years on stage have given them unrivalled experience and experiment, the scope to explore possibilities of related balance, so that several times yesterday the upright woman was sustaining a reclining man with no appearance of stress. "The years [of professionalism] have made us versatile," Torvill said. "And it was a challenge to create something within the restrictions of competitive rules." Or back to basics, as Dean reflected.

They brought a tingle to the skin, a buzz in the crowd — disappointingly small — that is *common to* the best sports performers and the best entertainers. They are both. They have transparently lost nothing in the interval, even though, while rivals do exercises off stage beforehand, Dean says that his 35-year-old limbs now instead need a hot bath in preparation.

Some foreign critics thought Torvill and Dean's rumba lacked physical visible emotion. Dean's answer was that, for a dance of love, total mental intimacy was their intended interpretation. It was as though, just as in *Bolero* in Sarajevo in 1984, they were in a trance unconscious of all but each other. There is still some way to go to the fulfilment of their ambition. The Olympic arena is not the Lido, and thereby hangs much of the excitement. Can *they do it?*

What they retain, uniquely, is that rare twofold capacity: perfect physical and technical harmony, plus a quality of fantasy, the impression that they live for each other. Whatever the reality of their individual marriages and private lives beyond skating, the indelible sense on the ice is that they still do, and that is why millions of viewers are again tuning in to television to follow their fortunes.

It is fortunate that an indiscretion by Betty Callaway, their coach, had not, at least yesterday, had a disadvantageous impact upon the judges. It was imprudent, to say the least, for Mrs Callaway to have launched into criticism of Usova and Zhulin, following the compulsories, for alleged technical errors. In the opinion of Britain's wisest skating official that is neither fair to the Russians nor helpful to the British cause, in mid competition, especially in a sport that is notable for the subjectivity of its judging. We are all still wondering what the Austrian judge was up to with a mark of only 5.5 for Torvill and Dean's composition.

Joyner steps out of shadows to lead way for Castleford



Joyner: visionary

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

JOHN Joyner is not quite a dyed-in-the-wool son of Castleford. He confesses he was born in Hunslet, a few miles away in Leeds, but after a boyhood fascination on the terraces at Wheldon Road and more than 20 playing seasons there, *the Castleford rugby* league coach has long since been forgiven.

At around 3.45pm tomorrow, history might smile on one of the game's most popular figures even more fondly if Castleford upset the odds and Wigan in the Regal Trophy final.

From the shadow of an Australian, Darryl Van de Velde, has emerged that precious breed, an English coach of genuine vision, one inevitably being tipped as the eventual replacement for Malcolm Reilly in the Great Britain job.

Until Joyner succeeded the Australian last August, Van de Velde was both coach and mentor in the twilight of Joyner's distinguished playing career. *Even so, there was* much scepticism surrounding Joyner's appointment.

Reilly had no hesitation in recommending him, however. Under Reilly's stewardship from 1974 to 1987, Joyner was instrumental in burnishing Castleford with their "classy" reputation. Whether wing, centre, stand-off or loose forward, Joyner's club record of 618 games, plus 16 appearances for Britain, were marked by an inexhaustible urge for the unorthodox and occasionally outrageous.

As the spark that usually lit the Castleford flame, Joyner, 38, is doing much the same from the sidelines. Van de Velde was a strict defensive disciplinarian. Joyner has *been faithful to that philosophy*, but only to the point of better exploiting the mercurial instincts in his side.

"Darryl took a safety-first approach in some areas. If the opportunity to attack from our 22 arises, we can do so if we're not simply forcing passes. If people are in position, we'll do it. If chances aren't taken, you're going nowhere," Joyner said.

This was best illustrated in the inspired semi-final win at Bradford Northern. Rarely has the skill and artistry of Lee Crooks been more pronounced. Tawera Nikau was reminiscent of Joyner himself, exploding on to Crooks' passes, and Graham Steadman, at full-back, revelled in *the new freedom of expression.*

For want of a decent half-back partner, Mike Ford, the scrum half, was once burdened with double the workload. The introduction this season of Tony Kemp, of New Zealand, alongside Ford has been a master-stroke. The addition of Richard Russell, from Oldham, and Ian Smales, of Featherstone Rovers, has made for a more mobile pack.

Joyner accepts he will have his doubters until transforming a team he does not know intimately. A Cup triumph would help. If it can be described as an advantage, Castleford thrashed a severely under-strength Wigan 46-0 *last October, the Lancashire* club worst result for 21 years.

Revenge often brings the best out of Wigan. In achieving consistency with one of the game's least predictable sides, Joyner has, nonetheless, narrowed the gap. Just as he scored the try that won Castleford the prize on their last appearance in the final, in 1977, his influence will be no less profound 17 years on.

Greeks lose nothing in translation to outskirts of Guildford



FREUD ON FRIDAY

The Guildford Kings prop up pool A of basketball's European championship with nine points from nine games; this would be a more impressive statistic did not the competition award one point per match lost. The full story runs: played nine, lost nine, points for 575, points against 823.

On Wednesday evening the Kings (their performance so miserable there is a rumour they might change the team's name to Prime Ministers) were drawn at *home against the pool leaders*, Olympiakos, of Greece.

Home is the Spectrum Leisure Centre . . . a stately pleasure-dome on the outskirts of town that comes complete with ice rink, arena, gymnasia, baths, saunas, Jacuzzis and much, much more.

The Greek supporters arrived early. You could tell they were Greek by the dark hair, white teeth and flashing eyes; also the fact that they were draped in coats and scarves made of the blue and white national colours and took absolutely no notice of the numbers on their tickets but occupied one side of the arena; quite a substantial part of the other side fell to them also.

On the wall behind, a wall within range of Sky TV's cameras, they affixed placards: "Don't forget Macedonia is Greek," read one. "Mother I'm all right. Send news of local team and don't forget the black olives," on another. "*Home at Easter*" *also* featured.

As the home team took the boards, there was a stunning crescendo of sound which settled into the haphazardly orchestrated song "We will, we will . . . far queue" — the last two words accompanied by hand gestures. When one got into the swing of things one recognised a pattern of Mediterranean support: approval is manifested by both hands held above the head, waved, then palms clapped together three times; disdain is hands pushed from the body to the words "far queue".

The arrival of officials was met with loud cries of "*Malaka*".

I asked the meaning of the word. "It is abusive," says the man standing on the seat next to me. "Is very bad word."

I persist. "Is like nearly making love but not quite."

I tell him I understand.

You people fight, explains the Greek; we are into verbal abuse, give and take.

"In the interests of safety," says a home counties voice over the public address system, "we do not permit the waving of banners and flags. Please remember that the *Spectrum is a non-smoking* facility."

Around me the Greeks place their smouldering cigarettes under their seats, wave their scarves and shout "far queue".

The teams appear. The Kings supporters achieve a lukewarm welcome; a dozen pretty, nubile, teenaged cheerleaders — whom I had thought were the raffle prizes — shake their pompoms. The Greeks sang — sang harmoniously, con brio, easily out-decibelling the competition, laughing as they sang.

What are the words? I ask two bearded men who have their arms around each other and sway to the music.

"Is obscene," says one.

"Not saying," adds the other.

I find an interpreter. The lyrics are: most of the time we go to the whore-house; when we don't have money we do it with English girls . . . Are you angry? I tell him no, but doubt if it will persuade us to return the Elgin Marbles.

The anthems are played. The Greek anthem sounds like, "It's the same the whole world over. It's the poor what gets the blame, it's the rich what has the pleasure. Ain't it all a blooming shame?" The British anthem sounds dull by comparison.

Tip off. The Greek team is faster, more skilful. Panagiotis Fasoulas is 7ft tall. Zarko Paspalj — like Guildford, only some of the letters of his surname are pronounced — is the outstanding player. Kings, who are beset by injuries, have in Alton Byrd a small spoiler determined to slow down the game and infuriate the enemy. He gets the full "far queue" treatment.

At the end of the first 20-minute session a troupe of scantily dressed girls dance in the arena. "Clap your hands to the music," suggests the public address voice with small conviction and minimal results.

I had rather looked forward to bingeing on kebabs, moussaka and hoummos but the Spectrum caterers confined cafeteria fare to hot dogs, popcorn, Seven-Up and Pepsi-Cola. The Greeks consume these. They smoke and in the interests of safety put their burning cigarettes into their jacket pockets.

Standing at the window of the bar we overlook a jacuzzi containing three fat white women, their pale skins nicely stretched by stockbroker-belt flesh. I expect the visiting fans to comment. They just look and nod; bare English women are nothing new to them. English basketball teams with delusions of adequacy are what they have come to jeer.

On the way home I wait for the Waterloo train and remember a friend, a news photographer who had fallen on bad times. He put an advertisement into the personal column of the local paper: "American film producer requires tabby cat for major movie. £100 per day plus expenses. Auditions 5.45pm Wednesday, platform three, Guildford station."

From a footbridge above he took a picture of 600 cat-wielding women besieging the home-coming commuters . . . a picture which made him enough money to buy a house on a Greek island. Pharkov, I think it was.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (15228)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (89163179)

9.05 Kilroy. A studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (4172976) **9.45 Newshound** (s) (1322841)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9520570) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (5686179)

10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (61396792)

12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers is joined by Ross King who discusses the Merchant-Ivory film, *The Remains of the Day* (s) (4946150) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (67161150)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (26773)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (13194179) **1.50 The Travel Quiz** (s) (26768421)

2.20 Holiday (r). (Ceefax) (s) (87093537) **2.50 The Flying Doctors.** Drama series set in the Australian outback. (Ceefax) (s) (6078711)

3.35 Cartoon (7035711) **3.45 Open a Door.** Stories without words from around the world (7288353) **3.50 Moomin** (6121179) **4.15 Jackanory.** Terry Jones tells his story *The Slow Ogre* (r) (s) (1221957) **4.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood.** (Ceefax) (9129976)

4.55 Newsround Extra. A look at the video game industry (8343150) **5.10 Grange Hill.** (Ceefax) (s) (1255624)

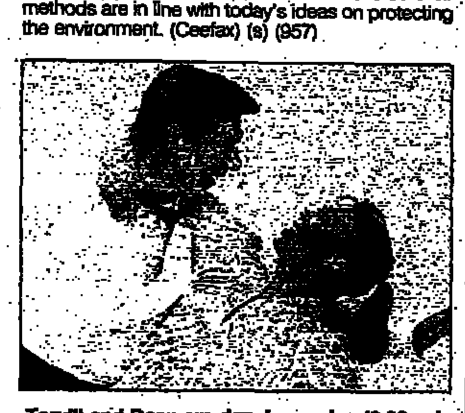
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (746112). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) and weather (421)

6.30 Regional news magazines (773). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

7.00 Home Truths. Radio 1's Steve Wright's new game show, in which he is joined by three celebrities who try to discover as much as they can about each other's past. The guests are Jonathan Ross, Alan Freeman and Diane Abbott MP. (Ceefax) (s) (2421)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Crofters in the Outer Hebrides have been farming the land in the same way for centuries yet recent studies have discovered their methods are in line with today's ideas on protecting the environment. (Ceefax) (s) (957)



Torvill and Dean are dancing on ice (8.00pm)

8.00 European Figure Skating Championships. Sue Barker presents live coverage from Copenhagen with Torvill and Dean continuing their comeback as competitive skaters (s) (7063)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk (Ceefax) and weather (8024)

9.30 Love Hurts. Romantic drama series with Adam Faith and Zoë Wanamaker. (Ceefax) (896841)

10.20 FILM: Cops Are Robbers (1990). Tense crime drama based on a true story in which a Boston police chief tries to root out corruption in the ranks. Directed by Paul Wendkos (903841). **Wales:** All Our Lives 10.50 Film: Cops Are Robbers 12.25am-2.10 Film: The Heartbreak Kid

11.55 FILM: The Heartbreak Kid (1972). Sharp comedy in which a Jewish groom on honeymoon in Florida falls for a Protestant girl. Directed by Elaine May (864773) **1.40 Weather** (8661483)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (9074529)

8.15 Westminster Daily (9484131)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Charlie Chalk (57185518) **1.35-1.40** Puppydog Tales (98187179)

2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (62390841)

2.15 Sport on Friday. Helen Rollason presents ice skating action from the European championships in Copenhagen. (969860) **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (7287860)

4.00 Today's the Day. Daily news quiz with Martyn Lewis (686)

4.30 Dilemmas. Jenni Murray examines how to cope with children from a previous marriage (570)

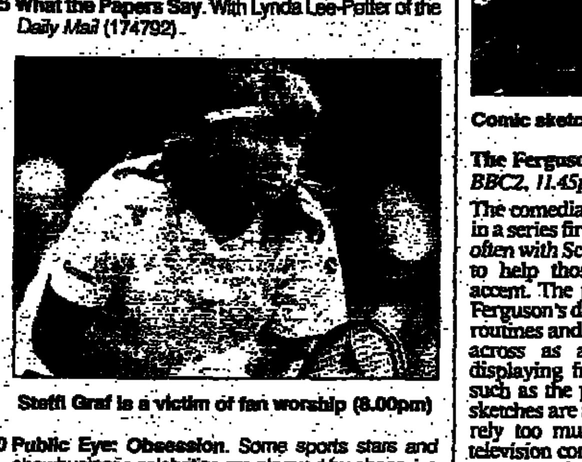
5.00 Catchword. Word game with Paul Cola (7599)

5.30 From the Edge. Magazine programme which looks at issues from a disabled point of view. (Ceefax) (150) **6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons** Animation (Ceefax) (740501)

6.25 The Man from UNCLE. Spoof secret agent adventures. (Ceefax) (807334)

7.15 The Living Soap. The fly-on-the-wall documentary series about six Manchester students (s) (836518)

7.45 What the Papers Say. With Lynda Lee-Potter of the *Daily Mail* (174792)



Steffi Graf is a victim of fan worship (8.00pm)

8.00 Public Eye: Obsession. Some sports stars and showbusiness celebrities are plagued by obsessive fans, but hundreds of ordinary people are also harassed. Sarah Barclay examines whether Britain should introduce anti-stalking laws which have been used successfully in America (9711)

8.30 CHOICE **The Great British Garden Show** (Ceefax) (s) (5518)

9.00 Red Dwarf. Science fiction comedy series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8686)

9.30 CHOICE **Further Abroad** (Ceefax) (s). (12421)

10.00 Blackadder II. Edmund Blackadder is in trouble when he cuts off Sir Francis Drake's head (r). (Ceefax) (s) (83421)

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (Ceefax) (652889)

11.15 Fantasy Football League. Comedy game show in which celebrities take on the role of football managers (110082). **Wales:** Welsh Lobby 11.45 Fantasy Football League 12.15am The Ferguson Theory 12.40 Weather 12.45-1.10 Ren and Stimpy

11.45 CHOICE **The Ferguson Theory** (879452)

12.10am Weather (8515445)

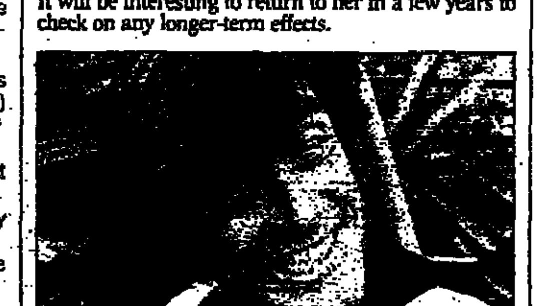
12.15 Ren and Stimpy (r) (s) (56174) Ends at 12.45

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CHOICE

Citizen 2000
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Family values are the controversial topic in this long-term documentary project following the lives of children born in 1982. Now 11, they are still youngsters but nonetheless wise in the ways of an imperfect world. Asked to explain the killing of Jamie Bulger, they come up with surprisingly mature replies. These are in contrast to the more emotional outburst of one of the mums. If her John hurt a baby, she says, she would cut his hands off. The family unit takes a knock as two of the children watch their parents split up. Little Georgia is not only composed and philosophical but gives us a convincing explanation of why it happened. It will be interesting to return to her in a few years to check on any longer-term effects.



Comic sketches by Craig Ferguson (BBC2, 11.45pm)

The Ferguson Theory
BBC2, 11.45pm

The comedian Craig Ferguson gets national exposure in a series first shown only in his native Scotland. As so often with Scottish material, there is a case for subtitles to help those who find difficulty deciphering the accent. The problem is compounded by the speed of Ferguson's delivery. The show is a mixture of stand-up routines and sketches. As a solo turn, Ferguson comes across as a Scottish version of Jasper Carrott, displaying frenzied annoyance at everyday irritants such as the people who try to sell you pensions. The sketches are a mixed lot, both in style and quality, and rely too much on that old standby of sending up television commercials. But the show has the merit of not letting its items go on a second too long.

Further Abroad
BBC2, 9.30pm

Golf may seem a surprising subject for a series supposedly concerned with architecture, even if it does enable Jonathan Meades to hold waspishly forth about the pretentious design of many clubhouses. But architecture is defined in a way that goes wider than mere buildings. Meades is concerned with the whole fabric and culture of golf, its rigid social distinctions and its determination to bring rusticity to suburbia. Amid the jokes, visual and verbal, Meades has many shrewd points to make. He is particularly harsh on what he calls the new industrial golf, with its characterless, computer-designed courses and electrically powered caddies.

The Great British Garden Show
BBC2, 8.30pm

Winchester Cathedral provides the setting for a festival of flower arrangement. Women from the south of England and the Channel Islands have filled the cathedral with their displays, all proceeds to the restoration of the west front. In one day the event realises £18,000. The presenter, Ruth Langsford, picks her way through the creations and visits the gardens of some of the exhibitors. She also visits the allotment of a couple of elderly gardeners who turn out to be a former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Donald Coggan, and his wife. It seems wholly fitting that they should live within the cathedral close.

Peter Waymark

● *One Man's Way* (Choice, January 20) was set in Paraguay, not Uruguay. We apologise for the error.

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (577131)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Game show (s) (6629228) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5682599)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . (7944808)

10.35 This Morning (61380131) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2190421)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (1115266)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (1190957)

1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (21051678) **1.55 Capital Woman** (s) (13182334)

2.20 A Country Practice. Drama serial set in an Australian country town (s) (87088605) **2.50 Take the High Road** Highland drama serial (3396150)

3.20 News (Teletext) and weather (7003808) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7002179)

3.30 The Magic House (7012860) **3.45 Cartoons** (7264773) **3.55 Zzzap!** (6124266) **4.15 The Dreamstone** Cartoon (2174402) **4.40 Just Us.** Children's drama (Teletext) (s) (7824063)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (5298063)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) and weather (276696)

6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (60482)

7.00 Celebrity Squares presented by Bob Monkhouse. (Teletext) (s) (4883)



Shock in store for Kennedy, right (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Curly (Kevin Kennedy) is in for a shock at work as Reg Holdsworth (Ken Morley) bids goodbye to Bettabuys. With Pippa Hinchley. (Teletext) (s) (353)

8.00 The Bill: The Mourning After. There are surprises in store for WDS Morgan when she informs the family of a man that he has been stabbed. (Teletext) (3537)

8.30 Surgical Spirit. Return of the hospital comedy. Sharp-tongued surgeon Sheila Sabatini's son is a student at Gillies and she has to explain herself when his rag week antics get out of hand. (Teletext) (2044)

9.00 The Chief. The chief constable takes a personal interest when a single mother is the witness to an attempted burglary. (Teletext) (s) (2995)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald (Teletext) and weather (87247)

10.30 FILM: Silhouette (1990). Thriller starring Faye Dunaway as a businesswoman alone in a small Texas town who witnesses a murder. Directed by Carl Schenkel (12055150)

12.05 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (6499644)

12.15 Whose Round is it Anyway? Pub team quiz (s) (70700)

12.45 Whale On. Late night entertainment with James Whale (932396)

1.45 ITV Chart Show (9299025)

2.35 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The latest movie news and gossip from Hollywood (8426483)

3.05 The Race. Multicultural youth magazine (4822700)

4.00 Noisy Mothers. A look at the rock and heavy metal music scene (94209) **5.00 Sportsworld** (39990)

5.30 ITN Morning News (36754) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Starcom (r) (5458711)

7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (49624)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. American quiz show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (97624)

9.30 Schools

12.00 House to House. Meya Even presents news and views from Westminster (77860)

12.30 Sesame Street. Andrea Martin plays the word fairy (40421)

1.30 Take 5. Animation, including *Mr Men* and *Ivor the Engine* (r) (26624)

2.00 FILM: Footsteps in the Dark (1941, b/w). Comedy mystery with Errol Flynn as a playboy sleuth and writer who tours the streets at night looking for crimes to solve and write about. He meets a jewel thief who is later murdered and finds himself on the trail of the killer. Directed by Lloyd Bacon (362808)

3.45 Three Fools and a Car. Bulgarian cartoon (r) (7262315)

3.55 The Pulse. A look at the latest medical research into arthritis. (Teletext) (4568044)

4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (266)

5.00 Cutting Edge. An observation of the working lives of nurses (r). (Teletext) (s) (4402)

6.00 Blossom. Six's family and friends are upset when she runs off with her married boyfriend. (Teletext) (s) (131)

6.30 Happy Days. American comedy series set in the Fifties. Fonzie surprises Roger with a confession when they are stranded on a mountain (711)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Teletext) and weather (288605)

7.50 First Reaction (437773)



Georgia, 11, with her mother Diana (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Citizen 2000** (Teletext) (1179)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (4826)

9.00 Nature Perfected. *A look at the gardens of China and Japan (r).* (Teletext) (6082)

9.30 Cheers. Diane's imagination runs riot when she is haunted by the mad actor who tried to strangle her (r). (Teletext) (14889)

10.00 Nurses. Jack manages to shirk work until a brave deed puts him in the spotlight. (Teletext) (s) (85889)

10.30 The Unpleasant World of Penn and Teller. Penn Jillette and Teller show Dawn French the "eye and thumb" trick and perform stunts involving broken glass and popcorn. (Teletext) (s) (934995)

11.05 The Word. Music and chat show with Terry Christian, Dani Behr and Huffty and Mark Lamarr (s) (289082)

12.05am FILM: Blue Hawaii (1961). Angela Lansbury plays Elvis Presley's mother in this scenic musical about a young man who shuns the family pineapple business in Hawaii after returning from military service to work for his girlfriend's travel agency. Songs include "Can't Help Falling in Love" and "Blue Hawaii". Directed by Norman Taurog (243396). Ends at **2.00**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright in the Morning **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, including at **12.30pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier in the Afternoon **4.00** Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel (FM only from **12.00**) **1.00-4.00am** *Mark Tonderai (FM only)*

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jameson at the Opera **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Comedy Bookcase: Leo McKern reads poems by "Banjo" Paterson **9.00** Listen to the Band: Sellers Engineering Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme from Barley Hall in York **12.05am** Digby *Fairweather with Jazz Notes* **1.00** Charles Nove with Night Ride

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Primary RE; **9.15** Playtime; **9.30** Music Box; **9.45** Something to Think About: Infant Assemblies; **10.00** Music Workshop: Music Course 3 **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** Over the Moon . . . Sick as a Parrot **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** WICR **7.15** The Sword in the Stone (5/10) **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Teen Lurve: Should I Stay, or Should I Go? Teenage love stories by Gareth Williams **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.15** The *World Today* **6.30** *Europe Today* **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** You Know It Makes Sense **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** The Music Works **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** You Know It Makes Sense **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Stories of Mystery* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** World News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** *Kaleidoskop* **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** *World Business Report* **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** World News **1.05** *Outlook* **1.30** Short Story: *Georgian Doors* **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** News **4.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** *Lunchtime Concerto*: Malcolm Arnold (Oboe Concerto) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **5.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Music with an Italian connection **10.00** Michael *Mappin* **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (2190421) **1.55** A Country Practice (13182334) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (8874599) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (7002179) **5.10-5.40** Travel Trails (5298063) **6.00** Home and Away (140547) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (438353) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (148711) **10.45** Dave Allen (117995) **11.15** Trail of the Pink Panther (371228) **1.05am** Whale On (4240551) **2.05** Get Wet (6432551) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (4398087) **3.35** Videofashion (83017483) **4.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (30700) **4.30-5.30** New Music (82464)

CENTRAL
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Central News (5682599) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (2190421) **1.55** Shortland Street (13182334) **2.20-2.50** Material World (87088605) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7002179) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (5298063) **6.00** Home and Away (140547) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (438353) **10.30** Central News and Weather (124131) **10.40** Central Weekend (5108711) **12.10am** More than Murder (319803) **1.55** Whale On (9480483) **2.55** The Beat (4311938) **3.55** The Album Show (2897822) **4.50** Challenge of the Seas (94692551) **5.15** Night Shift (4723716) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (4744209)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.55** Wish You Were Here...? (13182334) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (87088605) **6.00** HTV News (889) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (841) **10.30** HTV West News and Weather (124131) **10.40** Late and Live (5108711) **12.10am** Crime Story (4098976) **1.05** Whale On (4240551) **2.05** Get Wet (6432551) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (4398087) **3.35** Videofashion (83017483) **4.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (30700) **4.30-5.30** New Music (82464)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **6.00** Wales at Six (889) **6.30-7.00** The Way We Were (841) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (124131) **10.40** Swansea Festival (422179) **11.10** The Big Story (574112) **11.40-12.10pm** Coach (726044)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Meridian News and Weather (5682599) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (2190421) **1.55** A Country Practice (13182334) **2.20** Take the High Road (87088605) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3396150) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (7002179) **5.37** Three Minutes – Your Story (716112) **5.40** ITN Early Evening News; Weather (276696) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (60482) **10.00** News at Ten; Weather (87247) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (124131) **10.40** North Dallas Forty (73958518) **12.55am** Whale On (2914006) **1.55** New Music (9480483) **2.55** Cinema, Cinema (7617629) **3.25** America's Top Ten (80621071) **3.55** Noisy Mothers (4233006) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (39990)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Tyne Tees News and Weather (5682599) **12.20pm** Tyne Tees News and Weather (2176841) **1.55** A Country Practice (13182334) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (5250082) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today / Network North (438228) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps 1994 (841) **10.30** Tyne Tees News and Weather (124131) **10.40** Robson's Personal Call (270632) **11.35** Blackmail Chase (444112) **1.05am** Whale On (4240551) **2.05** The Big E (7625483) **3.00** Operation Daybreak (66597648) **5.05-5.30** The Twilight Zone

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.55** Wish You Were Here...? (26752860) **2.25** Gardener's Diary (87087976) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (9024353) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (60482) **10.40** Billy (422179) **11.10** Deadman's Curve (372957) **1.00am** My Story (2675777) **1.05** Whale On (4240551) **2.05** Get Wet (6432551) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (4398087) **3.35** Videofashion (83017483) **4.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (30700) **4.30-5.30** New Music (82464)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (13182334) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (5250082) **5.55** Calendar (438228) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps 1994 (841) **10.40** Street Legal (270632) **11.35** Blackmail Chase (444112) **1.05am** Whale On (4240551) **2.05** The Big E (7625483) **3.00** Operation Daybreak (66597648) **5.05-5.30** The Twilight Zone (1135480)

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Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (49624) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (97624) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (449598) **12.00pm** House To House (77860) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (27353) **1.00** The Linesman (57183150) **1.15** Oklahoma! (71095537) **4.00** Slot 23 (7570) **5.00** A Different World Interior Desecration O r Sola So (5995) **5.30** Countdown (518) **6.00** Newyddion (195605) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (146696) **6.25** Heno (436995) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5131) **7.30** Jacpot (995) **8.00** Cein Gwlad (1179) **8.30** Newyddion/news (4826) **9.00** Aria: C reft Y Cytansoddwr (7727) **10.00** Brookside (85889) **10.30** The Unpleasant World Of Penn & Teller (934995) **11.05** The Word (289082) **12.05am** Blue Hawaii (4760648)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Vivaldi (In turbata mare irato, RV627); Milhaud (Chamber Symphony No 5, Dixtuour d'instruments à vent); Sibelius (Serenade); Mendelssohn (Song without Words in A flat, Duetto, Book 3 No 6); Milhaud (Chamber Symphony No 6); Debussy (Jeux)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Bartók (String Quartet No 6; Viola Concerto)

10.00 Musical Encounters: Grieg (Suite, Sigurd Jorsalfar); Handel (I know that my Redeemer liveth, Messiah); **10.45** Liszt (Piano Concerto No 1 in E flat); Mendelssohn (Auf Flügeln des Gesanges, Op 34 No 2; Frühlingslied, Op 34 No 3; Suleika, Op 34 No 4); Verdi (Ecco l'orrido campo . . . Ma dall'arido stelo divulsa, Un ballo in maschera); Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale)

12.00 Voices: Sergei Leiferkus (r)

1.00pm News 1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: John Mark Ainsley, tenor, Julius Drake, piano, perform Warlock (Pretty Ring Time; Rest, Sweet Nymphs; Sleep; Sigh No More, Ladies); Howells (At Gartards Hanging by the Door; An Old Man's Lullaby; Gavotte; Here She Lies; Goddess of Night; Flood; Wanderer's Night, In Green Ways; A Garland for de la Mare — excerpts); Warlock (Passing By; Cradle Song; Lover's Maze)

2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: Bavarian State Youth Orchestra under Nicolas Rauss performs Nielsen (Overture, Helios); Grieg (Funeral March for Rikaard Nordraak); Sibelius (The Tempest; Suite No 1); Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)

3.40 Peter Wallfisch: The second of three programmes reflecting the art of the German-born pianist

4.30 Music of Albania (r)

5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson visits a burger bar

5.15 In Tune: Elgar (Introduction and Allegro); Haydn (Violin *Concerto No 3 in A*)

7.30 Ikons: The first in a series of concerts of music by John Tavener, live from Westminster Abbey, London. BBC Symphony Orchestra; BBC Singers; Westminster Abbey Choir under Martin Neary perform Tavener (Akathist of Thanksgiving)

9.00 Figures in the Margin: An irreverent glance at the British musical renaissance

9.15 Violin and Guitar: Jean-Jacques Kantorow and Anthea Gifford play Leclair (Violin Sonata No 3 in D); Paganini (Cantabile and Waltz; Sonata in D minor); Mayseder, arr Giuliani (Polonaise No 2)

9.50 Haydn Wood: Miniature Overture, The City, London Cameos Suite; Fantasy-Concerto; Philharmonic Variations; Paris Suite

10.45 Synge Song: See Choice

11.30 Midnight Oil

12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming *Today* **6.25** *Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Sir Harrison Birtwistle (r)

9.45 This Land Was Made for You and Me: William Rubel, co-editor of the children's literary magazine *Stone Soup*, discusses attitudes to young people in the United States

10.00 Dear Diary (FM only): Entries for January 21

10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 The Bible (LW only): Luke. (2/12)

10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Sarah Ward. Serial: *North and South.* Incl **11.00 News**

11.30 The Natural History Programme

12.00 News; You and Yours, with *Tasneem Siddiqi*

12.25pm The Food Programme 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** *Shipping*

2.00 News; Classic Serial: Waverley (2/4) (r)

3.00 News; Goodbye to All That: Simon Parkes travels to Cornwall, home to the Tate Gallery, St Ives, and a new generation of artists (r)

3.30 Faith, Fact and Fiction: Rosemary Hartill explores the religious beliefs of Dr Samuel Johnson (r)

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Louisa Buck visits a collection of antiquities; and listens to Snoo Wilson's radio play

4.45 Short Story: Hugo My Friend, by Gwyn Thomas. Read by Rhodri Hugh (r)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places: Transport magazine

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week

8.05 Any Questions? Robin Cook, *MP*, shadow Trade and Industry Secretary; Peter Hennessy, professor of contemporary history, Queen Mary's College, London; Ann Leslie, journalist; and Michael Portillo, MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, tackle the issues raised in Marlborough, Wiltshire. Jonathan Dimbleby is in the chair

8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins

9.15 Kaleidoscope (r). See Choice

9.45 Letter from America 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod

10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Better Class of Person, by John Osborne. Peter Egan reads the fifth of ten parts

11.00 Week Ending: Satirical news programme

11.25 Fourth Column, with Simon Hoggart and guests

11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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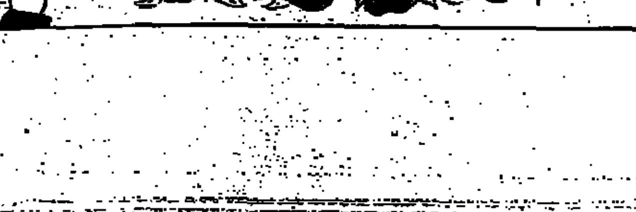
Synge Song. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

We know, or should know, about the music that is inherent in the plays of the Irish writer J.M. Synge. What Piers Plowright's exquisite feature does is to identify some of its sources. Like his compatriot Joyce, Synge aspired to a life in music but settled for literature. Unlike the notoriously difficult musical cadences in his prose, Synge's violin and piano works, of which we hear snatches tonight, are unsophisticated and charming. Presenter Ann Mann takes account, too, of the influence exerted on Synge by the traditional Gaelic songs, and nature's music, which he heard in the Aran islands.

Kaleidoscope: Woody Allen Interview. *Radio 4, 9.15pm.*

Nigel Andrews keeps drawing Allen back to his recent stormy domestic life and its climactic court battle. This persistence is wholly justified. The revulsion in feeling which Allen's previously loyal fans underwent as the trial proceeded was spectacular even by Hollywood standards. "I have not betrayed my audience; they betrayed me" is the debatable self-exculpating declaration that Andrews skilfully manoeuvres him into making.

Peter Davalle



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SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show (89887634) **8.40** Lamb Chops (7002537) **9.10** Cartoons (2717773) **9.30** Card Sharks (9842112) **9.55** Concentration (9650131) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6889686) **10.30** Love at First Sight (35808) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (73605) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (19860) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (69353) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (64808) **2.00** Hollywood Wives (58808) **3.00** *Another World* (5401711) **3.45** *DJ Kat Show* (2001518) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8860) **6.00** Games World (8353) **6.30** Paradise Beach (9605) **7.00** M*A*S*H (6889) **7.30** Rescue (5889) **8.00** WWF Mania (92605) **9.00** Crime International (64334) **9.30** Sightings (56889) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (82228) **11.00** The Untouchables (54570) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (77174) **1.00am** Night Court (84025) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (13025)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (57228) **9.30** ABC Nightline (61599) **10.30** Memories of 1970-91 (44334) **11.30** Japan Business Today (24632) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (48150) **1.30** CBS News (56179) **2.30** Parliament (70402) **3.30** The Lords (74063) **4.30** News and Business Report (5402) **5.00** Live at Five (640266) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (6131) **9.30** Talkback (47131) **11.30** CBS News (27228) **12.30am** ABC World News (22261) **1.30** *Financial Times* Reports (52957) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (46735) **3.30** Talkback (41280) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (37938) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (52716)

SKY MOVIES

6.15am Showcase (77979402)
10.00 The Bear (1989): A bear cub is befriended by a wounded grizzly (70375889)
11.45 The Hallelujah Trail (1965): Western spoof starring Burt Lancaster (97104228)
2.15pm Man About the House (1974): Television spin-off (265421)
4.00 The Last Escape (1970). Stuart Whitman is sent to Nazi Germany to smuggle out a scientist. With John Collin (3792)
6.00 The Bear (as 10am) (86044)
8.00 Revenge of the Nerds III (1992): American campus comedy (38633334)
9.40 US Top Ten (410792)
10.00 Black Robe (1991). A Jesuit priest travels to a remote missionary outpost in Canada. With Lothaire Bluteau (209537)
11.40 Enter the Game of Death: Martial arts action with Bruce Le (391119)
1.15 Switch (1991): Sex change farce starring Ellen Barkin (264731)
2.55 The Young Warriors (1967): Clichéd second world drama (6115754)
4.25 The Last Escape (as 4pm) (851087). Ends at **5.50**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Without Reservations (1946, b/w): Novelist Claudette Colbert finds the perfect hero in soldier John Wayne (6878353)
7.25 The Making of Mrs Doubtfire: Documentary about the new sex-change comedy starring Robins Williams (572792)
8.00 Mommie Dearest (1981): Faye Dunaway as Joan Crawford (49803957)
10.10 Adios, Sabata (1971): Violent western with Yul Brynner (132266) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Snow White in Happily Ever After (1987): Fairy-tale romance (1819570)
7.20 Mel Gibson — To Be or Not To Be: The making of Zeffirelli's *Hamlet* (1943150)
8.20 Robin Hood Animation (8655773)
9.20 The Three Musketeers. Cartoon adaptation of Dumas's novel (5419082)
10.15 The Girl He Left Behind (1956): Tab Hunter is drafted into the army (70361686)
12.00 Sideout (1990): Volleyball drama starring C Thomas Howell (53353)
2.00pm The Bandit of Sherwood Forest (1946): The adventures of Robin Hood's son. With Cornel Wilde (97150)
4.00 Robin Hood (as 8.20am) (51860)
5.00 The Three Musketeers (as 9.20am) (1570)
6.00 Down Three Dark Streets (1954): An FBI agent (Broderick Crawford) is assigned to clear up his dead partner's cases (84686)
8.00 Dying Young (1991). Julia Roberts nurses leukaemic Campbell Scott (89131)
10.00 Gladiator (1992): Brian Dennehy promotes boxer James Marshall (950624)
11.45 The Movie Show (755179)

12.15am Mortal Thoughts (1991): Demi Moore and Glenne Headly are suspected of murdering Bruce Willis (125551)
2.00 Crooked Hearts (1991): Tensions in a family result in tragedy (820261)
3.55-5.25 Wild Thing (1987). A doctor rescues a streetwise youngster (54133803)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer (4286995) **7.15** Prime Bodies (305063) **7.45** Snowboarding (304334) **8.15** Soccer (6653624) **8.30** Drag Racing (65911) **9.00** Prime Bodies (22421) **9.30** Basketball (58792) **11.30** Tennis (9582334) **5.00pm** French Football (4632) **6.00** Soccer (37841) **7.00** Big League: Bradford Northern v Wakefield Trinity (273518) **9.30** Soccer (47247) **10.30** Tennis (903112) **1.00am** Big League (978716)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (95841) **8.00** Figure Skating (83518) **10.00** Show Jumping (24353) **11.00** Euroski (11889) **12.00** Ice Hockey (66353) **1.00pm** Figure Skating (122570) **4.00** Ice Hockey (68696) **5.30** Figure Skating (37711) **7.30** Eurosport News (3763) **8.00** Figure Skating (97860) **9.30** Boxing (23334) **11.00** Basketball (79711) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (80071)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (1269686) **7.30** *Neighbours (1270421)* **8.00** *Sons and Daughters* (7109402) **8.30** EastEnders (7108773) **9.00** The Bill (7122353) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (6300605) **10.30** Casualty (6738860) **11.30** The Sullivans (7291518) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7119889) **12.30pm** *Neighbours* (9494334) **1.00** EastEnders (1267957) **1.30** The Bill (9493605) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (5045228) **2.30** Bread (1323995) **3.00** Dallas (7295334) **4.00** The Colbys (7904112) **4.55** Blankety Blank (57677624) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (62245605) **5.55** Happy Ever After (1335711) **6.30** EastEnders (1315976) **7.00** Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (1616792) **7.55** Are You Being Served? (9458995) **8.25** Bread (2810686) **9.00** Casualty (3713266) **10.00** The Bill (7110518) **10.30** The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (1468266) **11.05** Top of the Pops (3559711) **11.55** Dr Who (4518204) **12.25am** FILM: Invasion of the Saucer-Men (1957): Teenagers outwit Martians (50301434) **1.40** Videos (7868385)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (88624) **6.30** Bobobobs (84334) **7.00** Bears Island (3492112) **7.20** Return of Dogtanian (938315) **7.45** Pugwall (937686) **8.15** Head to Head (8398228) **8.30** *Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin* (59599) **9.00** It's Droobee Time (85063) **11.00** RatKan II (44518) **11.30** Bobobobs (45247) **12.00** Bears Island (8483247) **12.20pm** Return of Dogtanian (576624) **12.45** Pugwall (575995) **1.15** Head to Head (55565860) **1.30** Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (93421) **2.00** Madeline (1131) **2.30** Cupido (1109150) **2.45** Babar (555131) **3.15** RatKan II (8079808) **3.20** Baby Follies (6498773) **3.55** Head to Head (8110860) **4.00** Runaway Bay (7044) **4.30** T-Rex (3872150) **4.40-5.00** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (9191137)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (29808) **7.30** Guts (47565) **8.00** Rugrats (15452) **8.30** Fraggle Rock (39711) **9.00** Out of Control (20063) **9.30** Kablooey (56976) **10.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (99179) **10.30** We All Have Tales (26247) **11.00** Cartoon Capers (93860) **11.30** Wild Side Show (32119) **12.00** Zany *Adventures* (17599) **12.30pm** *The World of* David the Gnome (50792) **1.00** Nick Jr Storytime (28179) **1.30** Eureeka's Castle (74599) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (2334) **3.00** Zany Adventures (7082) **3.30** Speed Racer (4179) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (3686) **4.30** Get the Picture (2570) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (6599) **5.30** Guts (6150) **6.00** Rugrats (3063) **6.30** The Monkees (4315)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Wild South (7205711) **5.00** Biography: Al Capone and Eliot Ness (7228976) **5.55** Anne Martin's Postcards: Cuba (8184570) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (1113841) **7.00** Discovery Life (3715624) **8.00** Going Places (3791044) **9.00** *The Deep Probe Expeditions* (3711808) **10.00** Skybound (7101860) **10.30** The X-Planes (7127808) **11.00** The Coral Reef (7273112) **11.30-12.00** The Global Family (3196042)

BRAVO

12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7104957) **12.30pm** FILM: Knights of the Round Table (1953): Arthurian adventure (4798976) **2.30** FILM: Fast and Loose (1954, b/w): Marital comedy (1722112) **4.00** The Flying Nun (1309315) **4.30** My Three Sons (1305599) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (5054976) **5.30** Donny and Marie (1329179) **6.00** Doris Day (1319792) **6.30** Car 54, *Where Are You?* (1300044) **7.00** The Mothers-in-Law (5034112) **7.30** The Smothers Brothers Show (1306228) **8.00** FILM: Butterfield 8 (1960): A prostitute finds true love (3799686) **10.00** FILM: The Night Has Eyes (1942, b/w). Two teachers search for their friend (1729063) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (8596088)

UK LIVING

7.00am Highlights (3927995) **8.00** Family Matters (8212686) **8.30** Rendezvous (9211957) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (7038421) **10.00** Dr Ruth (3492841) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (8049686) **11.30** The Fish Course (3737112) **12.00** Stars and Signs (61939711) **12.15pm** Practical Living *(53246042)* **12.30** *Divorce Court (6111889)* **1.00** Home Wise (7444421) **1.30** Rendezvous (6103860) **2.00** Agony Hour (3493570) **3.00** Living (8720247) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (36977131) **4.00** Definition (7997957) **4.30** Infatuation (7986841) **5.00** Music Quest (5773150) **5.30** Fame Fortune and Romance (6321247) **5.45** Kilroy (4328402) **6.30** Floyd on Britain and Ireland (7998686) **7.00** Definition (5760686) **7.30** That's Amore (7987570) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (5254570) **9.00** FILM: A Man, a Woman and a Bank (1979). Donald Sutherland and Brooke Adams plan a bank heist (5264957) **11.00** That's Amore (3751792) **11.30** Infatuation (3421353) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (3974803)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (5711) **5.30** Zorro (7808) **6.00** Where I Live (7421) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (8773) **7.00** The Pyramid Game (2247) **7.30** All Clued Up (4957) **8.00** Altogether Now (1995) **8.30** GP (6042) **9.00** Lou Grant (72889) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (54044) **10.30** Entertainment Now (63792) **11.00** Remington Steele (12605) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (64648)

MTV

6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (397957) **9.00** VJ Ingo (167529) **12.00** Greatest Hits (82315) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (188976) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (4424179) **3.45** At the Movies (4412334) **4.00** News (7651082) **4.15** 3 from 1 (7641605) **4.30** Dial MTV (5888) **5.00** Soul of MTV (4841) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (37421) **7.00** Led Zeppelin (4605) **7.30** Robert Plant (10266) **8.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (2860) **9.00** Greatest Hits (74247) **10.00** *Coca-Cola Report (101792)* **10.15** *At* the Movies (106247) **10.30** News (933841) **10.45** 3 from 1 (961624) **11.00** Beavis and Butt-Head (39.. 7) **11.30** VJ Marijne (23044) **1.00am** Chill Out Zone (80396) **2.00** Videos

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (46150) **7.00** News (23711) **7.30** Asian Morning (19518) **8.00** Hindi News (70082) **8.30** Urdu News (1670266) **8.45** English News (1668421) **9.00** Nangey Paon (51570) **10.00** Hindi FILM Do Dulha (b/w) (967791) **1.00** Nukkad (22082) **1.30** Pakistani FILM (932044) **4.30** Kiddie Time (3082) **6.00-6.00** TVA — Dedicated to You (8044) **7.00** Sportsworld (9063) **7.30** ID Youth (3529) **8.00** English News (571841) **8.15** Hindi FILM, Muddat (39139957) **11.15** Janmdata (720889) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (2938735) **1.35** Sight and Sound (37437087)

TNT

Tonight's Theme: Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance
7.00pm Kismet (1955): Arabian Nights-style musical starring Howard Keel (38245112)
9.10 Invitation to the Dance (1957). Gene Kelly directs and stars in three stories told in dance and mime (78507792)
10.55 Nancy Goes to Rio (1950): A mother and daughter (Ann Sothern and Jane Powell) are rivals on the stage and in love (45625063)
12.40am The Opposite Sex (1956): Musical starring June Allyson (72843498)
2.55 Two Weeks with Love (1950). Two sisters chase the same man. With Jane Powell (36756822) Ends at **4.25**

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Creator of legendary Old Trafford teams dies at 84

Football mourns Matt Busby

By David Miller

WITH the passing of Sir Matt Busby, British football has lost not only the most notable of all managers of the modern generation, but a man who personified, both as player and manager, almost everything that was best in the game.

With those he played with and those he inspired to play for *Manchester United as* manager, his objectives were motivated by a love of the game, by a love of chance, a desire to take risks, a thirst for skill, the will to entertain. What distinguished him was not simply the quality of the teams he built and the players who filled them, but the way in which the majority of those who came to Old Trafford would pay tribute to his influence upon their game, if not upon their life.

It is said that he made three famous teams but in fact there were four. First came the cup-winning side of 1948, with victory over Blackpool and Matthews, including some of the best of United's post-war players in Carey, Morris, Rowley and Mitten.

Nine years later, after regularly dominating if not winning the championship, there was the immortal team of "*Busby Babes*" that was denied a supposed certain victory over Aston Villa at Wembley by the injury to their goalkeeper, Wood. Those who failed that day included Byrne, Colman, Edwards and Taylor, all subsequently killed in the air crash at Munich the following February, and survivors Foulkes and Charlton.

Temporarily, with Busby lying for months in hospital recovering from fearful injuries, United languished, but they were back at Wembley in 1963 with Crerand and Law, defeating Leicester. The fourth side was that which gained Busby's ultimate triumph, defeating Benfica in the European Cup final at Wembley in 1968. If the youthful Best was a hero of that performance, so too were young Kidd and Aston.

Busby's immense qualities as man and manager were formed by his upbringing. Born in 1909 in the Lanarkshire mining village of Orbiston in a row of 32 two-room cottages, he learnt to appreciate life the hard way. His father was killed by a sniper at Arras, obliging his mother to take a job at the pithead.

Encouraged by his headmaster to remain at school until he was 18 because of his academic ability, the young Busby thought of emigrating to Canada, discovered the delay was too long and fulfilled his mother's worst fear by going down the mine. But his ability on the football field ultimately earned him a trial *with Manchester City* and a wage of £5 a week. Yet he felt lost in Manchester and wrote home to his fiancée, Jean: "I feel I'm out of my sphere ... I dread the approach of every season".

The Manchester United scout, Luis Rocca, almost bought him for £150 but the deal fell through and by one of those strange strokes of luck, Busby's career turned a corner. Selected as a late substitute for a reserve match, he switched from inside forward to right half for the day and never looked back.

Though City lost the FA Cup final of 1933 against Everton, when their centre forward, Tilson, was injured shortly beforehand, Busby was back again the following year to defeat Portsmouth. The *Daily Telegraph* reported that he was the best right half ever seen at Wembley while an *appreciation in the Manchester Guardian* that year said: "He laughs equally at his blunders and his triumphs, which is the privilege and proof of a great player".

That characteristic was the foundation of a reputation that was unrivalled in Britain and far abroad. He brought to management not merely an intelligent use of tactics based on the underlying principle of attack but a sense of fairness as well as discipline with the players he handled. He was to transform Manchester United's position by the combination of three factors: scouring the country, and especially Ireland, for the best young players; a willingness to invest the club's income in star players; and by his insistence on attacking play.

Busby was a legend and created a legend around him, one that drew fanatics not just from every town in Britain but from all corners of the globe. He was one of those precious few who, although football gave him a fine life, put infinitely more into the game than he took out.

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Busby, a fine attacking right half as a player, built four famous Manchester United teams as a manager

United in grief after death of Manchester's father-figure

By Peter Ball

RIVAL managers, former players and administrators were united in their appreciation of Sir Matt Busby, one of football's greatest men, last night.

"This is a terribly sad day for Manchester United, but we are so grateful that we shared in Sir Matt's life and work," Martin Edwards, the chairman of Manchester United and son of Matt's great friend, Louis Edwards, said.

"He was a man who will never be forgotten," added Paddy Crerand, a member of the United side that fulfilled Busby's greatest ambition by winning the European Cup. "He was a great father-figure to all of us in his teams. He was a very, very strong man, and if he wanted something done, you did it his way. But that was because you believed in his way, because his way was the right way."

Crerand's description of Busby as a father figure was often repeated. The response of perhaps his most famous "son", Bobby Charlton, reflected how close Busby's players felt to him. "I am too overcome to say anything," was all a distraught Charlton, who survived the 1958 Munich air crash that wrecked Busby's greatest team, would add last night.

Nobby Stiles, the hard-tackling midfielder who played with Charlton and Crerand in the team that won two League championships and the European Cup, said: "He was a marvellous man. I joined in 1957, and Matt had created a lovely family atmosphere. I used to clean the boots of the star players, but it was a joy just to be part of that family atmosphere."

Jackie Blanchflower, whose career ended at Munich, added the testimony of an older generation of former Busby players. "It's simple. He was the best manager there was," Blanchflower said. "They all copied him, even the likes of Shankly and the other greats. He was the first tracksuit manager, a psychologist, an inspirational leader of men, a great man.

"He carried the scar of Munich with him throughout the rest of his life. But it was a measure of his greatness that he built the greatness of United again."

As well as his former players, Busby was revered by his rivals and successors. "He was the most famous football manager the world has seen," Ron Atkinson, who managed United in the 1980s, said. "No-one stands above him. Everything achieved at Old Trafford, everything that we see at Old Trafford is down to Sir Matt."

Busby's record at Manchester United was outstanding, and make such claims the simple truth.

When he arrived for his first, and as it turned out only, job as manager, Old Trafford was a bomb-site, and United were the second club in Manchester. In his 25 years as manager he made them the biggest club in England and one of the best known in the world.

They were also the best loved, Busby insisting on the game being played with style and skill. A passionate football man, he insisted always on the game being played in the right way, and took great pleasure from watching the present side.

"Perhaps the most fitting tribute to Sir Matt's life is the present side's success and playing style," Edwards added. "He thoroughly enjoyed and approved the type of football played by Alex Ferguson and the present team and we are all so pleased that he lived to share in the joy of last season's championship success."

Torvill and Dean rumba gracefully into lead

From John Hennessy in Copenhagen

IT WAS Sheffield revisited. Just as a couple of weeks ago Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean sent tingles up the spine with their haunting original dance in the British ice skating championship, now they did so again yesterday in their pursuit of the European title. They won this section convincingly, and so drew level with the holders, Maya Usova and Alexandr Zhulin in the lead.

True to their idiosyncratic nature, the International Skating Union (ISU) now places them first, allowing the original dance, more valuable than Tuesday's compulsories, to break the tie. But that is meaningless. Both couples have now acquired 1.6 points going into tonight's free dance.

It had been claimed here that the Sheffield rumba was unbeatable. Although this time the judges, not unexpectedly, were more subdued than in Sheffield, where patriotic fervour ran riot. Torvill and Dean received two perfect marks of 6.0 for presentation, one admittedly from the British judge, Mary Parry.

The British couple skated after their two principal rivals, which of course was an advantage, and first after the warm-up, another advantage since there would be no time to go backstage and fret.

It would take a specially trained eye to spot any difference with the Sheffield performance, but Torvill maintained afterwards that it had been technically better. Certainly it won sustained applause from an audience who had shown no great enthusiasm for the Russian pairs.

The spectators, on the other hand, much appreciated the stunning highlights of the British couple, Dean circling his partner first with a sit-spin and later at a perilously horizontal angle, and the pair of them, suddenly and wittily, breaking into double time in one corner of the rink.

By comparison, the two Russian couples were unexpectedly tepid, relying more on histrionic gesture and pelvic thrust, whereas Torvill and Dean acknowledged the ISU's dictum that "the rumba must be skated in a hot, sensual and gliding manner" with brilliant choreography and superb technical command.

Ten years ago their performances carried so much conviction that the public perception was that they had to be romantically involved. And now, with Torvill married and Dean divorced?

"We were playing a role," Torvill explained at a subsequent press conference, "in love for just two minutes." To which Dean, who is becoming quite a comedian, added: "Now we're just good friends again."

The draw for today, as yesterday, has been kind to Britain, since Torvill and Dean skate after Usova and Zhulin, with another couple intervening, so that the judges will be forced to hold something in hand, particularly after yesterday's British *tour de force*.

The second Russian couple, Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeni Platov, who had shared second place with Torvill and Dean after the compulsories, have lost any chance of the gold medal. For that to happen they would have to win the free dance, which is not impossible, and a couple other than the joint leaders would have to finish second, which surely is.

The vaunted Katarina Witt makes her first appearance in international competition for six years in today's women's technical programme. The double Olympic champion (1984 and 1988) should do well, since the demands of this section will not reveal her technical limitations as a free skater. Only one triple jump is required today

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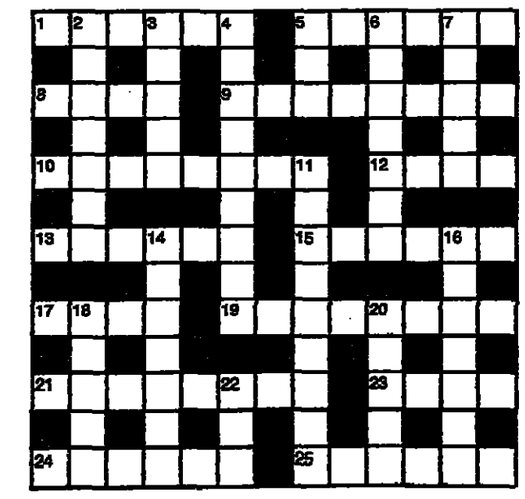
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 68

ACROSS

1 Formal count of population (6)
5 Self-possession (6)
8 Rank, smelly (4)
9 Greyish-yellow; queen of Castile/Aragon (8)
10 Towards river's source (8)
12 Variously-coloured silicate gemstone (4)
13 Weed; irritate (6)
15 Spanish for "Mrs" (6)
17 System of weights for precious metals, gems (4)
19 Islander; chess opening (8)
21 Rapturous happiness (8)
23 Stylish (4)
24 Again visit question already decided (6)
25 Partly-fermented fodder (6)

DOWN

2 Put into shadow (7)
3 Egyptian leader, Nobel prize 1978 (5)
4 Invertebrate (9)
5 Ottoman commander (3)
6 Prepare to sleep; submit (3,4)
7 Thin crisp toast; raspberry sauce (5)
11 Singers and players (9)
14 Place selling playthings (7)
16 Brisk (trade); noisy (drunk) (7)
18 Way taken from A to B (5)
20 Pub (5)
22 Make haste; single (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 67

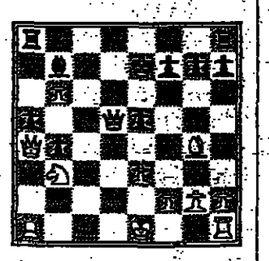
ACROSS: 1 Bimbo 4 Sistine 8 Surgeon 9 Miner 10 Balsa 11 Enrich 13 Design 15 Signed 18 Starve 20 Curve 22 April 23 Gentile 24 Cutlass 25 Negus

DOWN: 1 Busybody 2 Marbles 3 Opera 4 Singed 5 Samurai 6 Ionic 7 Earl 12 Idleness 14 Gorilla 16 Nursing 17 Deigns 19 Tarot 20 Canon 21 Talc

[illegible]

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Rogers - Krasenkov, Hastings Premier 1993. White is a piece ahead and had been speculating on 1 ... Qxg2 2 Qd7+ with a winning position. How did Black throw a spanner in the works?



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[illegible]

By Philip Howard

DICTITATE
a. With twin bodies
b. In two minds
c. To declare

ENGYSCOPE
a. Room for manoeuvre
b. A microscope
c. A job appraisal

VORAGE
a. Scouting for food
b. Hunger
c. A whirlpool

WITZCHOURA
a. A woman's cloak
b. The witching hour
c. A fetta dip

Answers on page 38